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JL 3/Kennedy,
Robert F.

June 14, 1968

Dear Mrs. Miller:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter and thank you for writing. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Leonard Miller
707 Southeast Ramp Road
Roseburg, Oregon 97470

(Mrs. Marion^x Miller)

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Comment re RFR
(Sugg to protect future candidates)

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707 S.E. Ramp Road
Roseburg, Oregon
June 7, 1968

President Lyndon B. Johnson
President of U. S. A.
Washington, D. C.

Your Honor:

I was listening to the television and heard the tragic news of the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, presidential candidate. To think that two brothers and Reverend Martin Luther King could be assassinated in our country. One was president and the other running for that high office and both trying to help our country be a better world for us all to live in and both were killed. As I was listening I began to wonder what this world is coming to.

Idea began to come to me about something that could be done to help protect the other candidates and people like Martin Luther King, or people from foreign countries that come to our country.

Some of the ideas that came to me follow. Logging men or motorcycle men wear helmets. Maybe some kind of helmet or hat could be made to help protect them. Also some kind of a vest or bullet proof jacket. The hat or helmet could come down to the shoulders. It could have a face shield on to cover the face. The welding hats that welders wear when welding gave me the idea of the fact. The shield could be tinted to help protect their eyes from the sun. All the under material that should be used in making these articles should be made of bullet proof material. Also the shield should be bullet proof glass. These ideas could also be used for the secret agents that work for them.

This would enable the candidates to get out among the people and make their political debates and to shake hands with the people.

It is the person that kills; not the gun that kills. Where the bullet struck the victim gave me the idea of a shield like this.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Leonard (Marion) Miller

Mrs. Leonard (Marion) Miller

GENERAL

FL 3 / Kennedy,
Robert F.
PR 2/ST 13

June 14, 1968

Dear Students:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letters at this time of terrible sorrow. In his words:

"The tragedy and the senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death cast a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world."

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a nation that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. Time and again he has called upon Congress to enact genuinely effective gun control legislation. You may want to read in full his message of June 6 to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. The enclosed copy comes to you with the President's appreciation for your interest.

With the President's best wishes to you and Mrs. Selby,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Students of Mrs. Selby's Seventh Grade Class
Room 301
Bryn Mawr School
7355 South Jeffery Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60645

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Enclosure: Ltr. from Pres. to Speaker of the House and the Pres. of the Senate, 6/6/68.

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Dear President Johnson,

You know and I know
that we need a strong gun
control law. Because we do not
have it, our leaders were killed!
President Kennedy, Martin Luther
King Jr., Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.
They were all very good rulers.
We are now so scared to
walk the streets. If the law
doesn't come through you and
I both will be dead, plus
the whole world. And I am
not just ready to die yet.
And I know you're not.

So let's hope more people think
about this law.

Sincerely Yours,
Carolyn Clegg

7355 S. Jeffrey: School

or

7342 S. Jeffrey: Home

(Chicago)

Rm. 301

Dear Mr Johnson,

I'm a 7th grade student
at Bynum Elementary School. I think its a
sad fact that people cant walk the
street safely. America is supposed
to be a free nation make it free from
guns. I feel we need a strong gun
control law.

Sincerely yours
Chas L Pitts

7355 So Jeffery Blvd.
Chicago Ill. 60649.

Dear President Johnson,
There should be no
guns at all.

Sincerely yours
James Doofield

6/11/68

2059 E. 75th St R,
Chicago, Illinois
60649, Cook County

Dear, President Johnson;

I have never written to you, but now that Senator Robert F. Kennedy who I wanted to be President, was killed by a person with a gun, I like to advise you if you can to try and make a strong gun control law, so if this law can be trusted by everybody, all the people would be more safe at home and on the streets.

Thank You
Noemi Ulfing

P.S. If possible, please write back.

June 11, 1968
7355 So. Jeffery Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois 60649

Dear President Johnson,

After Martin Luther King and Robert Francis Kennedy's death, I had just got fed up. Now I think we should have a strong gun control Law. Many people think you can shoot a person if you have a gun. That's not true. And it's not just the people with guns it's the drunks that steal guns and use them for the stupid reason they got mad and couldn't get their way. Well Mr. Johnson, please make America a safe place to live.

Thank You,

Reneé Brandon

P.S. Please answer back

Dear President Johnson

I would like a strong gun
control law. We are afraid to walk
the streets. All of our good leaders
have been shot, John F. Kennedy, Martin
Luther King Jr and Robert F. Kennedy
and as soon as we get a new
leader he may be shot to hell
every time someone disagrees
with him and he goes and
takes out his gun and shoot him what
is going to happen to us: This
letter has been written by a student of
201 St. Bruno Mary School 7355 S. Jeffery
Blue in Chicago

Sincerely
Demetrius E. Cousen

Larry Dean Sanford
7011 S. Jeffery Ave.
Chicago Ill. 60649

Dear President Johnson,

If it is possible I really would like to see a strong gun control law. Really see people walking down the streets of their City a place of safety. And not see people shot for their rights or wrongs.

I would like you to tell me some of the ways that I can help put a strong gun control law over all guns.

Yours, Larry

P.S.

I want to see something done about it quick and fast. Thankyou.

Dear Mr. President

I would like
to see people walk
the streets safely without
getting hurt or killed.

There is enough
fighting and killing
in Vietnam, without
this kind in the
States or Cities.

You could stop
this endless killing
by having a strong
gun control law.

Yours, Betty Gilbert

Dear President Johnson

I think That you were very right
about the gun control law. Because
we do have a very large Crime rate with
guns dont make it with any one can
buy guns from like the catalogs or when
they do buy a gun without registering it

Sincerely yours
Gregory Salley

June 11, 68
718. Panten
Chicago, Ill
606 49

Dear Mr. President,

I would like
to draw your attention
about the violence
& shooting in the world.
I am already
see Kennedy & Dr. Martin
L. King all died with guns
I hope there will
be a gun control law
soon

Yours
Truly,
Marta
Ruth
Owens

735 So. Perry Blvd
Chicago, Ill
606 49

7515 Lybrey
68649
Chicago Illinois

Dear President Johnson,
I know you that anybody
else wants to pass the control
law for guns. I want you
to try your darned to
enforce this law.

P.S. If Kennedy hadn't have
been shot I think he would
have managed Presidency

answer
if
possible

Sincerely

Good Citizen
of America
(U.S.A.)

Pat Fortson

Denise Carter
7325 S. Jeffery
Chicago 60649

Dear President Johnson,
I would like to see a strong
gun control law. So that people
can walk the streets safely.
Useless shooting of people ends.

Denise Carter

GENERAL

44-3/Kennedy, L.F.
PP/Kennedy, L.F.

June 14, 1968

Dear Mr. Lee:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness
in writing at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments,
and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and
best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Ben W. Lee
2413 Emerson Avenue, South
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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ack 6/14/68 - RJK
7 383 writing at this time of tragedy.
June 6. 1968 ..

President - Mr. Johnson

I am just a dishwasher
in Minneapolis - I am
very sorry - That we
have lost our good
friend - Robert Kennedy ..
I really feel bad about
it .. Such a good kind
man to talk to the people
I seen him on T.V .
and heard him talk -
he talked so good that
I liked him - I liked to
hear him talk - I am
very very sorry that
we have lost him ..
It is just terrible ..

From Ben W - Lee
2413 Emerson ave. S.
Minneapolis Minn
Is where I live -

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what can they do with
a fellow like the fellow
that shot him - what
kind of a mind has
such a fellow got that
would shoot such a
good kind man as
Robert Kennedy - It is
just a shame - I really
feel bad to think that
we have lost such a
good man as Robert

Kennedy he was a
interesting man to listen
to on T.V. -

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June 14, 1968

GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy,
Robert F.

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Dear Mr. Stoll:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter and thank you for writing. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Richard C. ^XStoll, Sr.
2579 Graystone Road
East Petersburg, Pennsylvania 17520

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Lyndon B. Johnson
President of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Richard C. Stoll, Sr.
2579 Graystone Road
E. Petersburg, Pa.

June 6, 1968

Dear Mr. President:

In these already trying times I will not attempt to express my feelings concerning the loss of our great Senator Kennedy, however, on the heels of protective measures for Presidential Candidates and certain gun control laws I would like to mention one fact that may or may not have gone unnoticed, and which I truly believe is worthy of your profound consideration.

My first knowledge of Senator Kennedy's being shot was yesterday morning just before putting my 12-year old Son on the school bus. In viewing the repetitious programming of this incident on television for approximately four (4) hours I was extremely concerned about one aspect in particular, which seemed to be punctuated and confirmed by the film-time involved and the eyewitness report of one of the men professed to be so close to Sen. Kennedy (and the mad man (sic) who shot him) at the time of the shooting, specifically:

The length of time lapsed before a Doctor was on the scene! It appeared to have been 10 to 15 minutes. And, the Doctor who finally did examine the Senator later denied any knowledge of a head wound. Both the time lapse and this apparently perfunctory examination contributed to the great loss of blood and subsequent physiological malfunctions prior to actual surgery.

The point I would like to stress here, Mr. President, is that in my belief every type of function involving masses of people under one roof and particularly in one room is a potential hazard to health in the absence of a qualified physician.

It is my earnest belief that Legislation should be passed on the Federal level whereby any public or private functions involving Federal Employees or candidates for Federal Office etc. must have immediately available a qualified physician within calling distance, as it were, for the specific purpose of attending the needs or potential needs of these people as soon as the attendance reaches or is anticipated to reach a minimum and specific figure. This is particularly true where alcoholic beverages are served and the mental faculties of everyone are inclined to be sluggish at a time when electric reflexes are imperative.

I feel that the individual states could adopt similar legislation covering non-federal functions or people.

In attempting to protect people from similar violence we have no guarantee that such protection will be all-encompassing. Former Governor Scranton yesterday summed this up very ably when he reflected that you just can't be watching or protecting everyone at a function where there is closer mingling of the peoples and where it is necessary for the candidates to mingle- the mingling is actually expected. However, in the event something unforeseen does happen the most expeditious medical attention should be immediately available.

Thank you for your time. I regret that we shall be unable to pay our last respects at the funeral, but we shall pray very earnestly for the Soul of our Great Senator Kennedy.

Very sincerely yours,

Richard C. Stoll, Sr.

Richard C. Stoll, Sr.

and family.

GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy,
Robert F.

Kennedy, Sen. Ted

June 14, 1968

Dear Miss Russell:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter and thank you for writing. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Rosemary Russell
3433 Smith, SE.
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106

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3433 Smith, S. E.
Albuquerque, New Mexico
87106

Dear President Johnson,

Having seen the recent murder of Martin Luther King and been witnesses to the earlier murder of President Kennedy, we all knew that Senator Robert Kennedy's campaign activities placed his life in danger daily. It is too late now to do anything about that.

Now we know that Senator Ted Kennedy's life is in danger. There will be, without any doubt, deranged persons who will want to kill the last Kennedy male of Jack and Bobby's generation. In this country of ours, amounting as it is in irresponsible gunholding, being a man gives one no advantage over being a woman, and the United States must insist upon Senator Kennedy's being protected by it as is our late president's widow.

Will you offer to and urge upon Senator Kennedy Federal security agents, to work with him into the foreseeable future?

Sincerely yours,

Rosemary Russell

The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20025

June 8, 1968

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy,
Robert F.
ND19/00312

June 14, 1968

Dear Mr. Rathmann:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter and thank you for writing. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Alfred E. Rathmann
Apartment 1
1902 Grove Street
Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54901

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ALFRED E. RATHMANN
1902 GROVE ST., APT. 1
OSHKOSH, WISC. 54901

June 5th., 1968

President Lyndon Johnson
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

In the time of national concern over the growth of violence, the question is asked by you, by governmental leaders, educators, social scientists, in fact all are deeply distressed over the why's of the terrible increases in crime and disruption !

As a parent, I feel that our entertainment industry must share the blame, or part of it, for the crimes, the social disasters that are a part to and of our national scene !

Irresponsibility on the part of movie directors, on the part of the exploiters of movies that sell murder, sex and distortions of our national life, all out of proportion to the real issues of our times !

The war in Vietnam is a brutal, a very brutal daily fact of life. We must end this war.

Our society has turned into a war materials society. Our weapons are used to kill and bomb people all over the world.

Jordan aircraft bomb, Israel armored units move to the front, cannons fire at innocent men, women and children. The sad fact is that the planes, the tanks and the cannons and shells come from the United States !

We export weapons as a way of life !

The issue is simply, if we are to survive as a social entity, then we must move closer to what we believe and what we do !

The students see the hypocrisy of the racial problems, the war, the rights of man !

Right now the movie, "The Savage Seven" is being advertised on television ! Have you seen this movie Mr. President ?

The corruption of government is another farce ! To listen to Senator Dodd speak about ethics is a hypocrisy that must be brought to an end ! Here this senator showed how dishonest, shameless, corrupt, violating laws on income tax, and he continues on in office !

I hope that my letter presents to you Mr. President, a real and valuable answer to your question on how we might turn towards a better world for all citizens !

Yours truly,

Alfred E. Rathmann
mr. Alfred E. Rathmann

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June 14, 1968

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JL3/Kennedy,
Robert F.
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Dear Mrs. Murphy:

On behalf of the President, I should like to acknowledge and thank you for your letter concerning the President's statement on June 5.

Your interest is appreciated and you may be sure that your comments at this time of tragedy have been carefully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. William E. X Murphy, Jr.
1308 Glasgow Street
Cambridge, Maryland 21613

Enclosures: 6/5 Statement on shooting of Sen. RFK; release 6/10/68
Rmks to Comm. on the Cause and Prevention of Violence.

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Pro 6/5 statements
concern people's need for welfare

MRS. WILLIAM E. MURPHY, JR. 1308 GLASGOW STREET CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND 21613

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statements on June 6, 1968

Encls: Release 6/5 statements at this time of tragedy
clear Mr. President on shooting of Sen. RFK
Release 6/10 Rmk to Congress on violence
and regard which you on violence

spoke on TV, we were proud
of you, for you spoke forth-
rightly and with courage.
Surely now, we must have a
gun law to help in cutting
down crime.

But as you spoke of
the need for obeying the law,
I wondered who will have
the courage to make Rev.
Abernathy move his city
when the law says his
permit expires? And who
is left to restore as gospel
the policeman's words, "Stop
or I'll shoot"? And who will
put back the power that
the Supreme Court has
removed from the courts?

Sir, people like me obey
the law because it's there,
but we have little means to
cope with those who don't.

I teach school and know
too well the value of Headstart
and the Teaching aide (N.O.E.A.).
But I work hard, and I would
like to see welfare people
going to school to learn
budgets and sanitation and all
that they need ^{to know} to cope with
the world that frustrates them.
Do we have the courage to
make people learn in order
to earn their welfare check?

There are simply my
thoughts after Senator Kennedy's
useless death. This simple
act of writing means that
this ordinary American has
had enough violence. There
must be more of us.

We were proud of
your courageous words. Now
let us act. Sincerely yours,
Phyllis E. Murphy

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GENERAL

JL 3/Kennedy,
Robert F.
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WCF
June 14, 1968

Dear Misses Highsmith:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing following his statement on June 5.

It was good of you to let him have your comments at this time of tragedy, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Judy Highsmith
Miss Nancy Highsmith
Cherry Hospital, Box 18
Goldsboro, North Carolina

Enclosure: Release 6/6/68, Proclamation on death of RFK.

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en suggest - Call the nation to Prayer Goldsboro, N.C.
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President Johnson's comments at this time of tragedy.

White House
Washington, D.C.

Encl: Release 6/6

Dear President Johnson, Proclamation on Death of RFK.

although my sister Judy and I are just ordinary Americans, too young to vote and living where our parents are employed, we feel we have a right to express our opinions and it is with great faith that we feel we should write to you.

We just heard your speech and we agree with you in everything. The only omission made was that this nation needs God more than anything else. Although your commission is an excellent approach to our problem, it is almost sure to fail unless the people wake up to the fact that they must put God first in their lives, including the leaders of the nation. He destroyed the world once for sinfulness, and he will destroy a nation for the same. A nation which he has blessed with freedom and peace. One that was once a

Christian nation, in which men fought for the right to worship God and live peacefully.

The people of our nation are tearing down the America that great men like George Washington and Abraham Lincoln and many others fought and died for.

Yes, we have everything a nation could want but as we are turning away from God so is he turning away from us. What will happen when we don't have God at all?

Why don't you, as the president, lead our nation in prayer that we might once again turn to God for guidance. Try to touch the hardened hearts of the people. If you lead us in war and peace, also lead us in the way of God. It will take more than the political minds of men to see us through these troubled times.

Let us hear you lead a prayer asking for guidance and wisdom and the recovery Senator Kennedy.

Then we will be assured that

the opinions and rights of Americans are still respected, even those who are 18+20 in age as my sister and I are. This is our nation and we are very concerned about the way it is falling into immorality & ungodliness.

Please let us know in some way that we are important as young Americans for we speak for many like ourselves.

yours truly,
Miss Judy [and] Nancy Highsmith
Miss

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GENERAL

JL 3 / Kennedy,
Robert F.

June 14, 1968

Dear Mrs. Schussler:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing following his statement on June 5.

It was good of you to let him have your comments at this time of terrible sorrow, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Diane Lou^X Schussler
3915 Delta Street
Rosemead, California 91770

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Mo. Pres. Sp. 6-5-68 Re: Shooting of Sen. RFK

3915 Delta St,
Rosemead, Calif

June 5, 1968.

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6/14/68

Dear Friend our President, sorrow,

I have just heard your appeal
via T.V. for our united effort to
change the course of what is
happening in our country. I am
grateful to you for taking the
lead in this. You asked us all
to help. I humbly wish to give
my ideas on how to help to
change the course of events.

Many people have said the
reason for all this is hate.
This is very true. But how does
one free himself of hate? or
resentment, or fear, or, mild dislike.
I offer this simple experience &
experiment. It is so simple you
and many others may smile, as

I retired last June 1967

though I were a simple child. 12.
And that is what I am — for
I have lived 63 years, taught
school almost 30 years, in 3 different
states. I have a son ^{who is} also a teacher,
and a daughter with 3 dear
children. I have been married
twice and have learned to
forgive which means "give for",
give good for evil. The reason
we do not do it is because
we do not know how to rid
our minds of these thoughts.
But I have found the way. Will
you try it too?

Many people are saying we have a
sick society. The truth is we
are sick until we learn to
say "I love you —" with compassion.
We are drawn to those who have
compassion. We are repelled by
those who do not have it. Compassion
means doing something for. It is not sympathy.

This is the Experiment. It ¹³
works wonders. To someone who
has done you or your world an
injustice say:

1. I love you name.

2. I love you — " — "

3. I love you — " — "

Say it often, softly, if you are not alone.

Say it before going to sleep.

Say it in 3's or 9's.

Say it about yourself, putting your name
in it. It will make you feel foolish,

It will make you laugh, and you
will enjoy the experiment because

you will feel different about yourself.

Be secretive about what you are
doing, until you know that you are
succeeding somewhat. Write letters
to those you know who will be
helped by it, and who will join in
the experiment.

I learned of this only last summer
from a lady from Germany. She explained
how it had changed her life from
hate, resentment & self pity, to love for
(over)

anyone she tried the experiment ¹⁴ on.
At first I was not too impressed, but
as I returned home from Long Island,
where I had met her by Greyhound
Bus. Riding thru Wyoming became
somewhat tedious and I remembered
this experiment. I put my hand
over my mouth so no one would
see me talking to myself. I said
"I love you" in 3's about all my
relatives first, then my friends,
then my seat partner, then the
bus driver. I amazed myself.
My interest in life increased.

I have continued this experiment
ever since & have written it
to countless friends and a few
relatives. They ^{relatives} are the hardest ones
to get to try it. Many people who
do not know I am saying this
"love experiment" on them respond
to me in a much more friendly
way than they ever did - they
seem drawn to me. It has expanded
my influence and my effectiveness in
all I do.

It has been easy for me to love ⁵
negroes, perhaps because in our
Church of the Holy Trinity in Los Angeles
there were many negro members
who were such great souls I could
see the beauty and the light in
their eyes & in their words and
in their actions. I learned much
from them about patience and
kindness, gentleness and sincerity.

I have other ideas and plans
I would like to share with you
on this problem — how to change
the course of what is happening
in our country. There are many
who will join in action if and
when we start. It will be like
Dr. Lauback's "Each One Teach One"
when we get it going.

I thank you for giving me the
opportunity to write this to you.
I hope you receive it, for I am
sincere.
(Mrs) Diane Low Schussler
(over)

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I never learned to type. Excuse this

please. I have been a member of the Holy Trinity in Los Angeles for many years. I have seen the beauty and the light in their eyes & in their words and in their actions. I learned much from them about justice and kindness, gentleness and sincerity.

I have other ideas and plans I would like to share with you on this problem - how to change the course of what is happening in our country. There are many who will join in action if only I will be like "Dr. King" and start. I will be like "Dr. King" and start. I will be like "Dr. King" and start.

When we get it going, I think you for giving me the opportunity to write this to you. I hope you receive it for I am (Mr) Brian Tom Johnson

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GENERAL

*JL3/Kennedy,
Robert F.,
FG 795*

June 14, 1968

Dear Mrs. Ryan:

On behalf of the President, I should like to acknowledge and thank you for your letter concerning his statement on June 5.

Your interest is appreciated and you may be sure that your comments at this time of tragedy have been carefully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Jean D. ^XRyan
3850 Northampton Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44121

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Pro 4/5 Statements re: RFK

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June 6, 1968

68-16 (4) his statements on June 5,
... comments at this time of tragedy

President Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Johnson:

Thank you for your statement last evening absolving the American public of blame in the deaths of John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, and now Bobby Kennedy. My sentiments exactly.

It has become tiresome, irritating, and downright insulting to be accused of being a member of a 'sick' &/or 'violent' society. The irresponsible newsmen, TV commentators, and the grab-bag of social scientists that leap to microphones and typewriters surely must be looking into mirrors when they make such statements.

The overwhelming majority of Americans are decent, industrious individuals. We go about our work and tasks each day. We look after our families, take care of our homes, and labor for a better life for our families and ourselves. We suffer joy and sorrow, we are born and die. Most of us have never owned a gun, not even for 'sport' (so-called). The vast majority of us would not kill a rabbit or deer or pheasant. We do not consider this as being fun. Yet the blanket term of 'violent' is applied to us all.

John F. Kennedy's assassin was not truly an American. He was an individual who hated his birth place, and who sought citizenship in a land whose history is steeped in true violence, violence against the spirit as well as the body. The political cellars of that land are knee deep in blood. King's assassin has not been found, and it's unlikely that he and his masters will ever be uncovered. Now Bobby Kennedy has been killed - by an Arab. These killers cannot be, by the wildest stretch of imagination, be called Americans.

So again I thank you for your address last evening in defense of Americans. However it would have been far better if you had let your statement rest. In the end you seemingly reversed yourself and announced yet another commission, thereby negating your original contention.

Sincerely,

Jean D. Ryan

(Mrs.) Jean D. Ryan
3850 Northampton Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44121

GENERAL

June 14, 1968

43/Kennedy, R.F.
GL 6-1
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LA 6/Sanitation Workers

Dear Mrs. Benton:

President Johnson asked me to thank you for your letter. It was good of you to give him the benefit of your comments at this time of terrible sorrow.

Perhaps you would like to read the enclosed remarks of the President to the Commission on the Cause and Prevention of Violence.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Ruthe Benton
1407 22nd Street, South
St. Petersburg, Florida

Enclosure: : Release 6/10/68 per above.

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Comment - Shooting of Sen. RFK

Suggestion re: Protection of Political Candidates

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Comment - Sanitation Workers Strike in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Comments at
this time of terrible
sorrow.

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the Cause & Prevention of Violence.

President Lyndon B. Johnson
White House
Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

1407 - 22nd Street, South
St. Petersburg, Florida
June 5, 1968

Encl: Release 6/10, on above.

Dear President Johnson:

I want to commend you on a very fine job you have done since you have taken office as president to our great nation.

The attempted assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy early this morning prompted me to address this letter to you. I propose that you recommend to congress that all presidential nominees, president, and all powerful political figures, when addressing a large crowd, wear some type of protective garment under their clothing and a protective helmet on their heads, all which is bullet proof, to protect them from would be assassins.

I have been deeply moved by the violence which has taken place since the deaths of two of America's greatest leaders, President John Kennedy and Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Our nation cannot achieve the goals and aims that these two men gave their lives for unless a honorable peace can be achieved.

Secret Servicemen are fine when it comes to keeping a person from bodily harm but they cannot keep an assassin's bullet from taking the live of a person.

I also commend you for your firm stand on the Vietnam War and the efforts you have made in getting the North Vietnamese Officials to the peace table. I do hope that a honorable peace can be reached within a very short while.

President Lyndon B. Johnson

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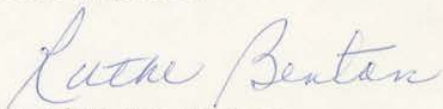
June 5, 1968

My prayers and hopes are with you in every endeavor you undertake to bring the War to a historic close.

Here in St. Petersburg, our Sanitation Workers are on a strike as a result of a wage increase promised to them by the Sanitation Director, Mr. Walter Shultz. They have not reached a settlement and cannot get the City Manager, Mr. Lynn Andrews, to even talk with the attorney for the striking workers. We have every thing here for a riot but with the cooperation of some of the city officials and the Negro-white community, we have been able to settle our differences, at least thus far.

I hope and trust that one day we will live to see this world in peace and harmony.

Yours in peace,


(Mrs.) Ruthe Benton

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robert
AR5-1/B*

June 14, 1968

Dear Geneva:

President Johnson asked me to thank you for your thoughtful letter and for the poem you composed in tribute to the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy. He mourns with the nation -- and with countless millions around the world -- the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. In his words:

"This is a moment for all Americans to join hands and walk together through this dark night of common anguish into a new dawn of healing unity."

With the President's gratitude for your thoughtfulness,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

☆
Geneva Bonner
254 Liberty Street
Joliet, Illinois 60432

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254 Liberty St
Joliet, Illinois
60432

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Dear President Johnson,
I do hope that all
is good with you and your
family. Sir: I am a fourteen
and 1/2 Negro girl who attends
Joliet Township High School, Central
Campus, Joliet Illinois. I will
be a Sophomore this September.
I am very upset over the death
of Senator Kennedy and I do
believe that I, myself took the
tragic news this morning worst
than anybody else in my family.
This is why I went to my
room and wrote a poem
concerning him. I look up to
you, President Johnson. Not be-
cause you are the President of
my country but because when you
speak, I stop to listen and I
admire every word that you say.
You express yourself in a way

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that makes me know that you do really care for America. You can't do much more. You can speak to America about tragedy but that's just like a teacher speaking to her class about being quiet. A few will obey and the same seems to go for America. There is always someone who makes it miserable for the rest. First John Kennedy, Martin Luther King and now Robert Kennedy. Does someone else who is brilliant have to die just because someone believes in violence? I hope not. How much more will it take before America realizes that violence is not the answer?

I would like very much for you to answer me back. I have faith in you but I do realize that you are very busy so I will wait to hear from you.

Thank-you

Sincerely yours,
Geneva Bonner
254 Liberty St
Joliet, Illinois
60432

P.S. Enclosed is my poem, that I wrote soon after I heard the tragic news.

"God Bless America" Has
Not Said In Vain

At this time how the United
States should be disgusted
Because it seems like no
man with a gun can be trusted
How many brilliant men must
be shot and killed?
Before the love of America
is truthfully revealed
Shall a man die or shall
a man live?
What much more is he
offered to give?
A great man dies and
there is much sorrow
Soon forgotten because one
more dies tomorrow
A man with courage, bravery,
plus love
A man which was sent
from heaven above
Born to do his duty, born
in richness too
Born to help America, what
more could someone do?

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His wife and children
Are left here behind,
Loneliness remains, time
After time.

He spoke of peace, Robert
was true and bold,

He cared for his country and
this could be clearly told.

Robert Kennedy fought for his life
just like any strong man would do,
But God didn't have to let him
die unless he wanted him to.

Well life must go on while
tragedies remain,

But just remember that "God
Bless America" was not said in
vain!

The End

Written by: Geneva Bonner

GENERAL
JL 3/ Kennedy, Robert L.
PL/ Kennedy, Edward (2)
PL/ Humphrey, Hubert
C 0141

June 14, 1968

Dear Mr. Corman:

Thank you for your letter to President Johnson at this time of terrible sorrow. Your interest in letting him have your views on the candidates and the campaign is appreciated.

The President has made his own position clear in his address to the nation on March 31 and his news conference on May 3. He hopes for your understanding as he devotes his efforts to the cause of peace, unity and justice for all men.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Cid^x Corman
Utano, Fukuoji-cho 82
Ukyo-ku, Kyoto, Japan

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.
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Sender's name and address

Cid Corman: ORIGIN
Utano, Fukuoji-cho 82
Ukyo-ku, Kyoto, Japan

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U.S. Citizen Abroad

Utano
7th June 1968

President,
Lyndon B Johnson
The White House
Washington DC USA

Dear Sir,

as no more and no less than a citizen of
the same nation of which you are the acknowledged and
elected leader I write you.

The assassination of Senator
Kennedy needs no additional commentary from me; the shock
is too general. But it does reveal, as so many recent
events in America, that the nation is profoundly sick
and as such needs the most loving care--care that exceeds
mere politics.

May I submit to you a proposition which,
I should wish to believe has already entered your own
mind? I suggest, quite humbly, that you, as president
and as titular, as well as actual, head of your party,
even as you had the grace to step out of the election
race, ASK Senator Edward Kennedy to stand for next
president and ASK Senator Humphrey to second that
motion by being his vice-presidential co-nominee.
Senator McCarthy, I am sure, would go along with
this and assist, in what I hope may turn out to be
a quiet, a non-campaign. This would provide nomina-
tion by acclamation and avoid all the politicking
that would otherwise go on.

Surely it is clear that
we, if I may for a moment speak as one representative
of the American people, a minority of one as each is,
must now rise above politics to a gesture that the
world can unequivocally recognize as one of national
unity and rededication. It is an act that would
MEAN unequivocally that America will NOT be ruled
by ANY act of violence.

In the circumstances I
am not sure that the Senator from Massachusetts
will WANT to risk his neck as a candidate--even as
his mother's only son--but I think the issue at
stake exceeds that of any individual. And my
suggestion, I assure you, has nothing to do with
partisanry.

In the common plight, I am - Sir -
your fellow-citizen,

Sincerely
Cid Corman
(Mr) Cid Corman

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.

SP3-236/ST10

PL/Rockefeller, Nelson

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June 14, 1968

Dear Mr. Zoblotsky:

Thank you for your letter to President Johnson. Your interest in letting him have your comments on the campaign and the candidates in this time of terrible sorrow is appreciated.

The President has made his own position clear in his address to the nation on March 31 and his news conference on May 3. He hopes for your continued understanding as he devotes his efforts toward progress through a united purpose in America -- and toward lasting peace in the world.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Morris^X Zoblotsky
172 Peachtree
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

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Suggests Gov Nelson Rockefeller run as Democrat
for the Presidency



Atlanta, Georgia

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c/s ✓ Dear President Johnson:

My name is Mond Jobelsky, I'm originally from Taylor, Texas now living in Atlanta, Georgia. In my thirty three years, I have many fond memories, among them seeing you walk into my father's shoe store running for reelection to congress. I remember the first Helicopter I ever saw, it was bringing a then Senatorial candidate to the baseball park in Taylor. I remember, after college, attending a Democratic Dinner ^{in Austin, Texas} supporting Stevenson for the presidency. Albert Gore was the speaker and as we were leaving I recall grasping your hand and then telling Lady Bird how proud she must be of you, for we all were. I remember standing with my father, Joe in Jacksonville, Florida ~~this is the first~~ in January of last year, a day before my wedding, running into

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Atlanta, Georgia

a mutual friend, ^{Judge} Homer Thornberry. My father afterwards recalled a barbecue ~~when~~ ^{when} ~~he~~ ^{he} ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~appointed~~ ^{appointed} ~~Thornberry~~ ^{Thornberry}, when he had the pleasure of speaking to the then Vice-President, and later seeing the President Dedicate his Synagogue.

This is the first letter I have ever written to an elected official and as of yet I do not know what I am going to say, but in this time of national tragedy my heart must speak out.

My first thoughts were to ask you to reconsider your decision, but how much must one person give of his life to help others - and not receive the respect due him for his efforts. ~~I have~~ ^{because of} My respect you never have or ever will lose and ~~this~~ ^{this} respect I firmly believe your decision to be proper.

And yet, as one concerned about my country I need advise in how to turn. Nixon will be the Republican nominee and I can't help but feel

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Atlanta, Georgia

that he is all ~~of~~ the things you have been so wrongly accused. I pray I am wrong.

Vice-president Humphrey is a great man and a noble American but I do not feel he has the power ~~and~~ strength, ~~and~~ leadership to guide our country. I feel one man could change ~~our~~ ^{the} direction in which our nation is moving and unfortunately he is not of our party. But his philosophy is so close only the home he goes under is different. Perhaps this insanity that has been sweeping over country has enveloped me also, but I feel you and only you could persuade Rockefeller to run as a Democrat. He would be unbeatable - but more important - I feel he would be good for our country.

I have never voted for a republican, I have also believed you vote for the stable and breeding - not the horse - but if the right horse runs with the right stable - - -
I don't know if you will see this

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Atlanta, Georgia

but in ^{all} continuance I still believe in the American dream that every citizen can write his congressman, Senator, Vice president, and President and expect him to see the message. You have been all of these to me, please excuse my not writing sooner. I promise you in the future, I will not be complacent about my country and what I can do about it.

Very Respectfully yours,

Mond Joblotky

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GENERAL

VL3/Kennedy
Robert F.

June 14, 1968

Dear Mrs. Barnhart:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. In his words:

"The tragedy and the senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death cast a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world."

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a nation that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. Time and again he has called upon Congress to enact genuinely effective gun control legislation. You may want to read in full his message of June 6 to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. The enclosed copy comes to you with the President's appreciation for your interest -- and his hope for your active support in this urgent cause.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Phyllis C. Barnhart
East 3220 19th Avenue
Spokane, Washington 99203

Enclosure: (President's June 6, 1968 letter to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate)

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East 3220 19th Avenue
Spokane, Washington 99203
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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Mr. President:

As an average tax paying citizen of this United States I am extremely appaled and freightened at the conditions and problems we are having right now.

What can I do and where can I start to help see that these conditions and problems are changed?

Very sincerely,

Phyllis C. Barnhart
MRS. PHYLIS C. BARNHART

GENERAL

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JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.

June 14, 1968

Dear Lindsey:

Thank you for your letter to President Johnson.
It was thoughtful of you to let him have your
comments regarding gun control legislation.
He sends you his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Juanita D. Roberts
Personal Secretary
to the President

Lindsey Broyles
208 David Drive
North Syracuse, New York 13212

Enclosure: Rms on Gun Control Leg., 6/6/68.

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June 14, 1968

General

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JL3/Kennedy, Robt F.

Dear Mr. Butler:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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Mr. Victor Arezo Butler
Apartado 4355
Municipio De San Juan
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00905
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Rio Piedras, Pto. Rico

To the Hon.
L. B. Johnson
Pres. of the United States
of America.
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Everyone around in the island
& Commonwealth of Puerto Rico - are
in great concern pertaining about
the late Senator Bob Kennedy -

We hope for all in our prayers
for the best in peace & the

leadership of the Country,

Respectfully yours,
Victor Arago Butler

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THE WHITE HOUSE

*No answer
implied!*



Mr. Victor Arezo Butler
Apartado 4355
Municipio De San Juan
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00905





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JL3/Kennedy,
Robert F.

JL3

June 14, 1968

Dear Mrs. Lee:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter and thank you for writing. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. William H. Lee
Quincy Road
Seneca, South Carolina 29678

(Mrs. Nancy A. Lee)

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Quincy Road
Seneca, S. C. 29678

June 6, 1968

Office of the President
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

As a citizen of the United States, I feel compelled to write you this letter, although I doubt that it will ever be important enough to be placed on your desk.

First, let me tell you something about myself and my family. My husband is a pediatrician and I am a registered nurse. We have three children and live in a town of approximately 7,000 people. My husband is also a city councilman. We are not for any particular party, but always vote for candidates with the best platforms.

At the death of Senator Kennedy, we feel much guilt as to the trouble our nation is in. But on a local level, our hands are tied. We register to vote, listen to all candidates, and then vote for the man we feel can best guide our Nation. When this man comes into power, he can appoint Supreme Court Justices and promote bills of legislation. He and a handful of people guide our Nation. Now I ask you, Mr. President, where have we gone wrong? At present our police cannot interrogate a witness unless he knows all of his rights. Riots and looting are going on in our major cities - and this is no crime? These poor people who have so righteously invaded our nation's capitol, at least a third of them left jobs and the rest are not even taxpayers. You can buy a gun over the counter or order one wholesale, but yet we cannot have prayer in our public schools. And you have the gall to ask us to pray. I ask you for what, Mr. President?

If you do nothing else in your term in the White House, I ask you to clean up our cities, stop all this rioting and looting, stop all these marches and send those people home where your anti-poverty program and public welfare program will take care of them. Send them back to farm the land and stop paying them to sit!

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A little more about our town that I would like you to know. We will have complete intergration of our school system this year. We have a Negro dentist, physician, and pharmacist who help lead us. This year we decided to throughly intergrate our PTA. I was on the nominating committee for this. We all but had to beg a Negro to be our treasurer. We wanted a Negro secretary but in the whole school, we could not find one who felt capable of accepting this responsibility. You cannot take a man out of the cotton fields, Negro or White, and overnight educate him to a doctor or even for a better income. We have an active STEP program available that would help these people better themselves.

So I beg you, Mr. President, to please stop all these crimes. Stop looking in the other direction. Our Nation needs all the leadership and help that the Almighty God can give it.

A reply to this letter would be much appreciated as I am very concerned for the welfare of our Nation and our children.

Sincerely,

Nancy A. Lee

Nancy Lee
(Mrs. William H. Lee)

GENERAL

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JL3/Kennedy, Robt. F.

June 14, 1968

Dear Corporal Hollihan:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of great sorrow. He is very much aware of the effect that reports of violence here at home may have on you who are so bravely serving our Nation's cause in Viet-Nam.

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a country that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. In his words, there can be no justification for violence that tears at the fabric of our national life.

For many months the President has urged Congress to enact stringent crime and gun control legislation. Of immediate importance, you may want to read the enclosed copies of his remarks of June 5 and June 10 on combatting and inquiring into the causes of violence.

The President also asked me to express his pride and gratitude for the contributions you and your comrades are making toward the cherished goals of a peaceful and law-abiding world. Free men will be forever in your debt.

With the President's warm best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

L/Cpl. Eugene J. Hollihan 2395436
Echo Bty 2/11 1st Mar. Div.
FPO San Francisco 96602

Enclosures 6/5 televised rms on shooting;
and 6/10 rms to Commission.

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June 14, 1968

JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.
PR 2/ST32

Dear Barbara:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter.

The President shares your sorrow over the tragic slaying of Senator Robert Kennedy. You may want to have the enclosed text of the Proclamation he issued at the time.

As you requested, the home address of Mrs. Kennedy is:

1147 Chain Bridge Road
McLean, Virginia 22101

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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Barbara Sasso
Box 143
Glasco, New York 12432

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Dear President Johnson,
I am 15 yrs. old and
very disturbed over the death
of Sen. Robert Kennedy. All of
my friends and priest
friends are also. Since
the late Sen. Robert Kennedy's
son Joseph Kennedy is my
age I want to write to him.
Please give me his address
& if you don't know it,
Please find it out for me.
Thank you.

Mr. President 3 great men
died for peace. John F. Kennedy,
Martin Luther King and now
J.F.K.'s brother Sen. Bobby
Kennedy. It makes you
wonder what this country's

coming to. I prayed to
god that someday we
will have peace. There is
too much fighting going
on. But instead of people
opposing the war and
refusing the draft. Why
don't they try to stop
and think what they
can do to help or make
peace. Too many people
oppose the war instead
of trying to look for a
way to stop it. We should
work together for peace.
Thank you for letting me
take a few moments of
your important time.

Please write
Back soon.

"Concerned"
Sincerely yours
Barbara Sased

my address is:

Miss Barbara Sasso

Box 143

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Glasco, N.Y. 12432

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GENERAL

June 14, 1968

JL 3/Kennedy, Robert F.
KENNEDY, Edward (Sen.)

Dear Mr. McVay:

President Johnson has asked me to
thank you for your letter at this time
of terrible sorrow. Please be sure
that your thoughts have been received
with understanding.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. William H. F. McVay^{*}
1890 Cedar Avenue
Long Beach, California 90806

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President L. B. Johnson
The White House
Washington D.C.

Wm. H. F. McVay
1890. Cedar Ave.,
Long Beach
California, 90806
591-1125.

Mr. President,

I deeply feel, you, as the
leader of the Democratic Party, must now
have drafted, Senator Edward Kennedy
to carry the banner and hopes of the
people of the world.

Kennedy is Dead,

Long live Kennedy.

Sincerely

A. naturalised citizen,

Wm. H. F. McVay

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President J. B. Johnson
The White House
Washington D.C.

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The President

I deeply feel, you, as the
leader of the Democratic Party, must not
have drafted, changed, or altered
to keep the peace and hope of the
people of the world.
Kennedy is dead.
Keep his Kennedy.
Sincerely,
A motivated citizen
Wm. H. T. McVey

GENERAL

J. F. Kennedy, R. F.

June 14, 1968

Dear Mrs. Bryant:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. C. M. Bryant
c/o Youngblood
1569 St. John's Place
Brooklyn, New York

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383 writing at this time of tragedy.

June 6/1968

JUNE 5 1968
1569 St. John Place
Brooklyn, N.Y.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

YOU DON'T KNOW ME, BUT I'VE SEEN YOU SO MANY TIMES ON T.V. I THINK THAT YOU HAVE DONE THE BEST YOU COULD, BUT NOW I AM WONDERING HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN YOU HEARD THAT BAD NEWS ABOUT OUR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. I WAS ASLEEP WHEN MY SISTER JOHNNIE got up FOR WATER IT WAS 2.00 IN THE MORNING. I SAID TO HER PLEASE OUT THE LIGHTS. WHEN SHE CAME BACK IN THE BED SHE SAID TO ME CARRIE CAN I HAVE A PIECE OF WATERMELON I SAID TO HER YES. THEN SHE SAID, SISTER WILL YOU HELP ME CUT IT, I SAID TO HER, GIRL THIS TIME OF MORNING, PLEASE DON'T GET ON MY NERVOUS. AFTER HELPING HER CUT THE MELON, I TASTE A PIECE WHICH I HAVEN'T EAT IN ABOUT FIVE YEARS. SO WE SAT UP IN THE BED, SHE GOT THE RADIO. I SAID TO HER GIRL PLEASE DON'T ~~cut~~ CUT THAT THING ON BUT SHE DIDN'T PAY NO ATTENTION TO ME

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The First thing I Heard was the
Sen. was shoot I sat up in the
bed Our t.v. was not working, so
we went in to our Friend's Room
And I said to him, Please cut
your t.v. on. because I want to be
sure what I heard was true, doing
the time I was crying my sister
said to me, Carrie do you believe
that I said to her, well we will
find out now for sure, please ~~do~~
Mr. Johnson Anything that I've said
wrong in this letter to you forgive
~~me~~ I AM NOW setting in my
Kitchen Will you Ask God to forgive
All killers, I Haven't been to Church
since 1966 I am a or should I say a
ONCE CATHOLIC but believed that I will
go this morning to pray, that R. Kennedy
will get better

LOVE,

(over)

C.M. Bryant

P.S.

I want you to have it if ten
years from the time that you recieved
this note to Print this for me. thanks

I Am Very Sorry About the Errors
In this Note but please Answer
me back this is the Address

CHARIS M. Bryant
1569 St. John Place
Brooklyn, New York
c/o youngblood

GENERAL

JFK/Kennedy, R.F.

June 14, 1968

Dear Linda:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

x
Linda K. Dunn
15642 California Street
Tustin, California 92680

CF:skl. 2

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ack Dear Linda:
6/14/68 383 writing at this time of tragedy.
REC'D JUN 10 '68

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June 5, 1968

Dear President Johnson,
The tragedy of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has struck the nation
fatally.

This man, in his moment of
victory, was shot down by a man
who sounds like a man who
would kill.

On the night of June 4, I
stayed up till about 9:00
o'clock watching the votes come in.

Then, my mother said it was
time for bed. So off I went.

I woke up a while after
the tragedy had taken place.
Our television was still on and I
couldn't sleep so I went into the
living-room and my mother told
me what had happened.

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Well all I could say was:
"Your kidding."

I watched television for about 10
minytes and I went to bed.

Here in bed, I thought about
Mrs. Kennedy and the Kennedys
relatives. So I said a prayer,
hoping that the Lord would have
saved this man trying so hard to
live and have a position in this
violence-infected world.

His words, as I write them,
seem to flow from my pencil, as
if this letter was written deep
down inside of me, waiting to
be put down on paper.

Mr. President, I hope that
the speech you gave on June 5, in
the evening, cures this terrible disease
of violence. Sincerely yours,

Linda Dunn

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Reference

Name: Linda Kay Dunn

Age: 11 years old.

Grade: 5th Beswick School,
Justin California.

Birth Date: November 15,
1956.

Color of hair: a mixture of
red, brown and blonde.

Hobbies: Horses, horseback
riding, drawing... horses.

Special talent (Art) drawing
horses.

Descent: Irish and Scottish.

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GENERAL

JFK/Kennedy, R.F.

June 14, 1968

Dear Jim:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

X
Jim Wombacher
2312 Tuckaho Road
Louisville, Kentucky

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Dear Jim:

REC'D JUN 10 1968

383 writing at this time of tragedy.
ack
6/14/68

2312 Tuckalo Road
Louisville 7, Kentucky
June 7, 1968

Dear Mr. President,

I am an eleven year old boy who is filled with sorrow. I woke up two days ago and my mother said Senator Kennedy had been shot... the world seem to stand still. The next day I woke up and learned of his death.

But I still think that the Senator is still alive, not in the same sense as he is walking and talking, but alive in the hearts of every sane, patriotic person.

Yours truly in sorrow,
Jim Wombacher

FLEMING-POTTER CO., INC.

TO:

SUBJECT:

DATE:

Dear Mr. President,
I am an eleven year old boy who
is filled with sorrow. I wrote up two
days ago and my mother said she
thought I had been shot... the world seem
it to be too still. The next day I wrote
up and learned of his death.
But I still think that the Senator
is still alive, not in the same sense as
he is nothing and talking, but alive in
the hearts of every man, patriotic person.
Yours truly in sorrow,
James F. Potter

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GENERAL

JH3/Kennedy, R.F.
PP1/Kennedy, R.F.

June 14, 1968

Dear Mrs. Flowers:

President Johnson appreciated your letter
at this time of tragedy.

It is a source of strength and encouragement
to him to know that he is being remembered
in prayer. He is deeply grateful for your
thought of him.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Vera Flowers
1307 North 3rd Street
Wichita Falls, Texas 76304

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letter at this time
of tragedy.
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Wichita Falls,
Texas.
June 8, 1968

The President
White House.
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mister President.

I know these must
be very trying times for
you. I have heard the
heart break in your voice
when I've heard you speak.
I thought you just might
like to know that some people
do pray for you, I do.
✓ my Pastor very often

reminds the congregation, that
regardless of our political or
personal feelings about our
leaders, that God's Word tells
us to pray for them & I for
one do, so, I feel sure many
Christians do also, I'm sure
if more would resort to
Prayer, instead of (many
times unmerited) criticism it
would do much more good.

May God bless, give
you wisdom and strength,
guide and guard you and
you keep you safe.

I think it was a very noble
& sincere thing you did to
try to unite our country by not
running again. Respectfully
Vera Flowers

dy
GENERAL

JH3/Kennedy, C.F.

June 14, 1968

Dear Mr. Ellis:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Clayborn⁺ Ellis
2646 Dunsmuir
Los Angeles, California

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Condolence ~~assassination~~ of R.K.acked
6/14/68
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383 writing at this time of tragedy.

Dear Mr Johnson,

It is very sad when people can not walk down the street without the fear of getting hurt or kill 3 of our great men who kill they gave them time to make our country what it is now they impowered by making do what we believe in our late president Kennedy he was a very great man he gave us a stronger nation and a better place to live. Martin Luther King Jr.

die for what he believe in he believe black & white should walk street together without fighting each other we should be friend and make new friend Robert F Kennedy. Before got to give his point he was kill but he did leave his trust and faith and we can still carry out when Mr Kennedy stored.

Your truly
Claydon Ellis

GENERAL

June 14, 1968

HL 3/Kennedy, R.F.
AE 5-1/T *

Dear Miss Thoreson:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing and in sending him your poem at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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Miss Joan Thoreson
3410 Jackson
Omaha, Nebraska 68105

CF:jlc

78 383 writing and in sending him yr poem at this time of tragedy.

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Dear Mr. President,

ack
6/14 JLC

I may be young
but have great concern for
our country and for Senator
Kennedy. I wrote a poem
which, I hope, would make
people sort of get in our
forefathers spirit for freedom,
but one person can't do much
alone.

Why is the world so evil
today?

Why must men shoot and
not say?

Why are men shot?

The answer to this ques-
tion we know not.

By God was he made;
by God may he live,

To love, cherish, and
to this world give,

A way of democracy;
of freedom,

To be able to faithfully
lead.

To be able to stand and
fight for our nation,
and hold us away from
evil and temptation,
and let us know as free
men we stand,

God united with our
land,

Why did our forefathers
fight?

So that we would
be able to have a right,

To live equal, safe,
and free.

Where else is there
a people like we?

We must mend our
problems, bind up the wound,
For better things in
the future loom.

But first we must
believe in the cause for which
we were made,

And let not our strength
from us fade.

Fight for what you believe,
and the cause for which
you fight will never be deceived.

By faith in God and love
for fellow man,

(cont)

Bind up the nation we
must and can
Be either black or white,
For the same cause we
fight,
For freedom and this
nation to unite

Jean Harrison
3410 Jackson
Omaha, Neb.

GENERAL

dg
June 14, 1968

JFK/Kennedy, R.F.

Dear Miss Dyes:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness
in writing at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments,
and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and
best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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Miss Ethel L. Dyes
47 West Pacific Avenue
Webster Groves, Missouri 63119

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18/

383 writing at this time of tragedy.

June 9/68

Webster Groves Mo.

Office of the President;
Washington D.C.

ask
6/14/68

Dear President Johnson.

A short time after
President John F. Kennedy was
assassinated you spoke to this
nation over television. your
words were as follows.

Quote:

Hate killed President Kennedy.
you dont know the evil they
are doing. end of Quote. There
were spud words, and now
another Kennedy has been
murdered.

please Mr. President speak out
to this nation and tell us
who they are. we are waiting
to hear all the truth.

are these organized groups so powerfull that even our President fears to name them?

The late President Franklin D. Roosevelt said, The only thing we have to fear, is fear it self.

and now in Closing this letter President Johnson, I pray that God will keep you, and your loved ones safe from all harm.

Sincerely yours
Ethel L. Nye.

GENERAL

43/Kennedy, R. F.
PP1/Kennedy, R. F.

June 14, 1968

Dear Miss Adsit:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness
in writing at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments,
and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and
best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Karen K. Adsit
Apartment E
1448 Stanford
Santa Monica, California 90404

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Ack 6/14/88
383 writing at this time
of tragedy.

Karen K. Adait
1448 Stanford - #E
Santa Monica,
California - 90404

June 6, 1968

President Lyndon B. Johnson
White House - U. S. A.,
Washington D. C.

Mr. President:

I'm sure you are a very busy man, but I hope you will find time to read my letter. Perhaps what I have to say will ease your mind to know that I and others like me are concerned about the world our children are growing up in.

I was deeply disturbed to learn of Senator Kennedy's tragic death.

I find it hard to believe that anyone could put the future of his country in one man's hands, or blame the success or failure of his country on one man alone.

I'm 23 years old and this is the first Presidential Election that I've been old enough to vote,

I have always believed that the future of my country and the Peace of the World was in the hands of all of us.

Robert Francis Kennedy was a man that could lead us to the goal of World Peace. I feel that some day world peace will exist, but not until we have peace among ourselves. I believe in my heart that God saw fit once more to use this great man's life as a reminder that we, the people, must work together and pray together in order to ever survive.

Mr. President, I just wanted you to know how I feel and that I will do anything I can to make this a better world in which to be born and to die.

I will pray for better understanding among peoples of the world.

Thank you for reading my letter.

Sincerely,

Karen K. Adsit (Citizen - U.S.A.)

GENERAL

GI3/Kennedy, R.F.
PP1/Kennedy, R.F.
ND19/CO3/4/ND9

June 14, 1968

Dear Private Hughes:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness
in writing at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments,
and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and
best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Private Earl H. Hughes
RA 68011005
8th/A Honor Guard Co.
APO, San Francisco 96301

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Aut 6/14/88
383 writing at this time of tragedy.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

I'LL BEGIN BY INTRODUCING MYSELF,
MY NAME IS PVT. EARL H. HUGHES, I'M IN THE
U.S. ARMY AND HAVE BEEN IN FOR 6 MONTHS, I'M
(I TURNED 17 DECEMBER 3RD 1967)
ONLY 17 YEARS OLD.

I ENLISTED DECEMBER 13TH. 1967 & DID
A TERRIBLE THING BY QUITTING SCHOOL IN THE 11TH.
GRADE, I SEEMED TO NOT GET ALONG TO GOOD IN
CIVILIAN LIFE, I LIVED IN 4 DIFFERENT PLACES
IN THE SPAN OF $\frac{2}{3}$ YEARS & I FIGURED BY COMING
IN THE ARMY I COULD MAKE SOMETHING OUT OF MY
LIFE AND AT THE SAME TIME FINISH MY HIGH
SCHOOL EDUCATION, I'M IN KOREA AT THE 8TH.
ARMY HONOR GUARD COMPANY, I'VE BEEN IN KOREA FOR
1 MONTH & IT IS AN EXPERIENCE I'LL NEVER FOR-
GET, SO FAR ME AND THE ARMY & THE PEOPLE IN
IT HAS BEEN GETTING ALONG JUST FINE.

I HEARD ABOUT SEN. KENNEDY (BOBBY),
MEETING HIS DEATH, IT WAS LESS THAN FIVE YEARS
AGO THAT THE LATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY (JOHN) DIED, IF
I REMEMBER RIGHT IT WAS ON NOV. 22ND. 1963
HE WAS KILLED, THE SAME DAY ^{OF} MY STEPPATHER'S
DAD'S ~~BIRTHDAY~~ BIRTHDAY & NOV. 23RD. 1963 HE DIED, THE

5-8-68

CAUSE OF DEATH I DON'T REMEMBER.

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO WRITE YOU,
TO MEET YOU IN A SENCE.

WELL, MR. PRESIDENT HAVE NOT TO
MUCH TO SAY.

BUT, IN HONON GUARD WE GUARD
PLACES, SUCH AS GENERAL BOONESTEEL #40
THOUSAND HOME, SINCE I'VE BEEN IN
KOREA I'VE PULLED ABOUT 130 TO 150 HOURS
OF GUARD.

WELL, TAKE IT EASY.

GOOD LUCK ON ANY SPEECH
YOU HAVE TO SAY.

WHEN I GET THE CHANCE I
LISTEN TO YOUR SPEECHES AND ENJOY THEM.

I PRAY NOW AS AN AMERICAN
SOLDIER FOR THE LATE FOR THE LATE
PRE. KENNEDY & SEN. KENNEDY, I'M SURE
THE WORLD MISSES THEM BOTH.

IF YOU HAVE TIME, DROP ME A SHORT
LINE. A WISH YOU & YOUR FAMILY GOOD LUCK
IN THE FUTURE. GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND KEEP
YOU SAFE. SINCERELY - Pvt. Earl H. Hughes

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy
Robert F

June 14, 1968

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Dear Ann:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

x

Miss Ann Houghton
823 Park Place
Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701

CF:jmg

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Dear Ann:
383 meeting at this time of tragedy.
REC'D JUN 10 '68

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Dear Mr. President,

I am a student from St. Joseph School, Williamsport Pa. My class the fifth grade is going on a trip to the Blind Association to find out how they work and make things. I hope scientist find ways to help these unfortunat people. We just read a chapter about Helen Keller and how they taught her to read and write, but I would like to learn more. I think our trip will be very interesting to me. I am very sorry about the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy like many others in my class. We all had hopes that he would become president of the United States.

Ann Houghton
~~(823 Place Pa)~~ 823 Park Place
Williamsport, Pa.

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GENERAL

*JLB/Kennedy,
Robert F.*

June 14, 1968

Dear Debby:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness
in writing at this time of tragedy.

In view of your interest, I am sending you the
enclosed press release.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

X
Debby Selle
270 Tremaine
Buffalo, New York 14217

Enclosure: Rmks of Pres. on the death of RFK. 6/6/68.

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Dear Debby:

REC'D JUN 10 '68

June 5, 1968

1st para of 383... writing at this time of tragedy.

O-16... press release.

Dear President Johnson,

O-3... death of RFK.

ack 6/6/68
6/11/68
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Encl. - RPTP

I would like to know what you think about Bobby Kennedy's death. I know he was a great man. I saw the people that touched his casket. I would like your picture and I would like the precedent to see this.

Sincerely,

Debby Selle



GENERAL

Bus
TL 3 / Kennedy,
Robert F.

June 14, 1968

Dear Mrs. ^xHorton; *Jerry J.*

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to thank you and Mr. Jerry J. Horton for writing at this time of tragedy. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

^x
Mrs. T. L. Horton
2608 Carter Avenue
Fort Worth, Texas 76103

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W/ ^{Be RAK} ~~DR~~ June 5, 1968
a lighter ²⁶⁹⁸ ~~immigration~~ ^{Carter} ~~one~~
Ft Worth, Tex 76103

Our Beloved President:

We greet you! We
appreciate, respect + love
you + wish you could
be President forever.

We deplore the death
of Mr Kennedy. But,
we would like to remind
you, Our People did
not kill him. The
murderer was a
foreigner. How did
he get into our
Country? Instead

Of restrictive laws on
our People. why
not tighten the
immigration laws?

Oswald, who
killed the other
Kennedy - had once
rejected U.S. +
defected to Russia.
Why was he, not
left there?

It is like Planting
termites under a
new wood house
to allow all these

People, who hate
us + our form of
government in.

Our best to you
Our Prayers are
with you +
Our support +
Loyalty is yours
Sincerely

Mrs J. L. Horton
+ Jerry J. Horton

GENERAL

dg
June 14, 1968

JK3/Kennedy,
R.F.
PC 15
ND9/ST

Dear Mr. Stawicki:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter. He regrets that it was not possible to offer transportation assistance to you.

The President shares your sorrow over the tragic slaying of Senator Robert Kennedy. You may want to have the enclosed text of the Proclamation he issued at the time.

I am also enclosing copies of the President's remarks of June 5 and June 10 in connection with combatting and inquiring into the causes of violence. He, too, is concerned over lawlessness in a country that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. John A. Stawicki
B 43-03-02
Nav. Scol. Const. UT"A" School
Port Hueneme, California 93041

Enclosures: Rel of 6/6/68, Proc. rel of 6/5/68, P's stmt on shooting of RFK;
rel of 6/10/68, P's rmks to Comm on Cause and Prevention of Violence

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CA John A. Stawicki
NAVSCON

| One big way to live up to the theme is by fulfilling your military obligation to the best of your ability; also, by doing your job efficiently and upholding the high standards of the service.

2 We can live up to it by having pride in our service and our country. A proud and efficient "Force for Freedom" is the only way peace and freedom can be maintained.

3. Our "Forces for Freedom" are safeguarding the very freedoms that we most enjoy as Americans. We should all be very proud to be serving in the Armed Forces of America.

4 By always trying to do your job to the best of your ability. Each man must be responsible for his own development, thereby becoming a personal "Force For Freedom."

Just being in service is proof enough that we are living up to the theme. Many of us voluntarily joined the Navy to support our country. I'm proud to be one of the "Forces for Freedom."

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Aik
6/14/68

Dear Mr. Johnson,

6/6/68

My writing this letter, is of
grave importance to myself. I have just
heard the tragic news of Sen. Kennedy.
I still can't believe that the people in
the U.S. can still be allowed out free
to roam the streets to kill someone they
dislike. Sir, can you answer me this
one question, why are people like the way
they are? How can they go out and need-
lessly murder somebody? Sir, I'm in the
Sea-Bees, I'm only 19, and I know I'm
not that smart in Politics or World affairs
like yourself, but this I do know. I know
I'm old enough to know right from wrong.
Like all my buddies out there in California
we joined-up. We knew what we were in
for even before we joined-up. Instead of
these people killing each other here in the
States, let them back us up in Viet-Nam.
If their so kill-crazy let them do it some
good for a change. I know this might

sound a little blunt, sir, but that's just about what it boils down too. I mean why should we go to Viet Nam to shoot emperes, we have them right here in the states. All these people are, are low-sperence of the "Scum of The Earth" there's no feelings of pride, when a man tells a man, whom does something he believes in. It's getting to a point where if somebody says something we don't like, or does something contrary to somebody elses ideas, they just go out & tell them. It's starting to be the new thing nowadays, like the mini-skirts are a fad, so is going out & telling somebody. I only hope that this tragedy will get people to thinking. That they better do something about it. As I sit here in the barracks writing you this letter I can see Bobby's picture in the paper, it was only a few days before that, I saw him at the Oxnard Airport. I used to know Mr. John Kennedy & Mr. Kennedy Both from seeing them back home in Jersey & from writing to them. As Mr. R. Kennedy passed me at the airport I called out to him, he waved, then he

came by, said a brief hi, and said "Wish
me luck", smiled, then turned to his wife, and
made way for the plane. I've got a lump the
size of a baseball in my throat, just thinking
he's gone, and won't be coming back anymore.

Sir, I know this may sound kinda child-
ish, begging, but I am. I wish I could be
there at Saint Patrick's Sunday for the
viewing. The only person in the world who can
grant me permission to go is you sir. I do
really wish you could. Only one problem, I'm
just an E-2 and don't make much money, but
I'm willing to pay the plane ticket and monthly
payments. It would mean everything to me if
I could only see him once more, you see
him once more my friend Robert Kennedy

Respectfully Yours
John D. Stauch

Enclosed as a picture to authorize
my sincerity, along with feelings towards
"Forces of Freedom"

Sincerely
John

GENERAL

JK 3/Kennedy, R.F.
RM

June 14, 1968

Dear Mr. Johnson:

President Johnson asked me to thank you for your letter. He appreciates your interest in sharing your thoughts with him and in bringing the Scripture passages to his attention.

Perhaps you might like to have the enclosed copy of the President's remarks concerning the death of Senator Kennedy.

With the President's gratitude for your prayers and with his best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

X
Mr. E. Eugene Johnson
5871 Fourth Street, NE.
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55421

Enclosure: Rel of 6/6/68, P's remarks concerning death of Sen.
Kennedy

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The Church of God of Prophecy

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Religious Support -

The Church of God of Prophecy

E. EUGENE JOHNSON

State Overseer

5871 4th St. N.E.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55421

Phone 560-4328

Area Code 612

June 6, 1968

President Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President,

I have just a few minutes ago learned of the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, and of the Proclamation you have issued. As State Overseer of The Churches of God of Prophecy in the state of Minnesota our Ministers and Members will join with you and our grieving nation in prayer that we shall truly learn something from this tragic happening.

Also my personal prayers are for you and our Country at this time. As never before we need the words of the song "God Bless America" to take place.

This is a terrible and trying time for you and all God fearing Americans. We are living in an age already described in the Holy Scriptures. Matthew the 24th Chapter, 37th and 38th verses. Also a more specific description is found in Genesis 6th Chapter 11th, 12th and 13th verses.

God help all Americans today to truly turn to the inscription on our coins, "In God We Trust."

God Bless you, Mr. President.

Prayerfully,

E. Eugene Johnson
E. Eugene Johnson

Totally Committed To Revival

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, R.F.
LE/JL3

June 14, 1968

Dear Mr. Koch:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter and thank you for writing at this time of tragedy. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Frederick L. Koch^x
1 Chalfont Street
Cinnaminson, New Jersey 08077

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June 6, 1968

Dear Mr. President;

Today is a sad day for all Americans. Not only has a great, or near great, American been slain by an assassins bullet, but the American Sportsman has died a little more. I say this because I believe this is the begining of the end of a great American tridution, the Right to have and bare arms.

Why do I say this? Because I believe there will be a rash of insane gun laws passed that will do nothing to prevent the criminal from getting a gun. All he has to do is break and enter any store or private home and he now has a new weapon. Will he register this gun?

He now can commit any crime he so desires. If he is caught and he has killed or wounded any one he will be brought to trial for murder or assault with a deadly weapon, which he could mostlikey beat or have reduced by a good lawyer.

I have not read the new gun law just passed by Congress but I can guess there are no previsions in the law for punishing the criminal who uses any type of fire arm in the commision of a violent crime, or any crime for that matter.

What good is this law if it does not punish the user of a gun for illigel acts?

This law now prevents me, and all law abiding citizens, from obtaining a hand gun through the mail. This means that we will now have to pay higher prices for certain Collector items hand guns because they are not usually available except through large mail order dealers, who have the money to buy in bulk and can find these , some times, rare guns.

I can read your mind, you are saying, "So can any Nut get a gun the same way." I Agree. The answer is "Permit to Purchase."

I don't know about other states but in New Jersey, even before the new gun law passed last year, you could not buy a hand gun here of in Philadelphia, just across the river, with out a permitfilled in by a law enforcement officer or the mayor of your town and then submitted to the state police.

What are the laws in other states? Do they all have laws that state you can not buy a hand gun with out a permit to purchase? I have heard that in some states you can buy a gun in any drug store.

Where does the fault lie if this is true? With Congress, or with the states them selves?

Now your saying to your self,"The gun lobbies keep laws from being passed, that's why you can buy a hand gun in the local drug store."

Right??????

Wrong!!!!!!

The NRA has never opposed GOOD SANE gun legeslation! They have supported every good law on the books and opposed all BAD laws on the books.

Representative Casey, from your hame state of Texas made a study which shows clearly the higher the private ownership of guns, the lower the crime rate.

He compaired the FBI Uniform Crime Report for each state with the number of hunting licenses sold in the state as the best measure of gun ownership.

It concluded: "There is no positive correlation between the extent of fire arm ownership and crime rates. Rather, there is a negative correlation. In general, as the proportion of the population possessing firearms goes down, the crime rate goes up. Fewer people with guns does not mean less crime."

Casey is the sponsor of a Bill (HR 360) which would impose heavy penalties on persons using firearms to commit violent crime(not less than ten years inprisonment for the first offense and not less than 25 years for a subsequent one).

This is the way it should be, get the guy who commits crime with guns, this will put teeth into the laws already on the books, and prevent the criminal from getting off scott free if he can beat the other raps.

I want to know why on May 16, 1968, after the Dodd-Kennedy bill was voted down that the Hruska-NRA backed gun law was voted down also by the same people who voted for the Dodd bill.

The Hruska Bill would have; Prohibeted shipment of all firearms into states in violation of state law, and strengthened anti-crimmial provisions of Federal Firearms Acts--both lacking in the Dodd Proposals.

Provided affidavit controls over interstate hand gun sales, and barred all interstate firearm sales to persons under 18, plus curbing "destructive devices", such as anti-tank guns, mortors and bazooks.

I as a member of the NRA am tired of being made to feel like a criminal because I want the right to be able to buy any gun that I so desire for lawful use.

You listen to the news on TV and you hear the NRA this, the NRA that. I have not heard one person reflect the fact that the NRA backed the Hruska Bill which contained the provisions that you yourself wanted in the Bill just passed today.

I think the NRA should have equal time or buy time on TV to show the public just what the NRA is and stands for, and the bills and laws that it has supported and opposed. I think it also should explain to the public the reasons for their stand on the bills and laws it has opposed.

Even if the bill were passed on May 16, this would not have prevented Robert Kennedy from being killed. You can pass all the laws you want to prevent the sale of hand and long guns, but how do you pass a law to prevent a man from going crazy? How do you pass a law to prevent a man from hating? How shall we proceed to determine what will make a man crack up and use a gun, or any other weapon, to commit murder?

What keeps people from venting their anger? Could it be a firm belief in God and Faith, Hope and CHARITY?

Where in all our mass medias do you find LOVE preached? Even in some churches you have a time finding LOVE. What can we expect of our youth if we adults do not practice "Love thy neighbor."

There is a song from the Broadway play "South Pacific" that sums up the real reason behind hate in this country. The song is "Carefully Taught". It goes something like this:

You've got to be taught to hate and fear,
You've got to be taught from year to year,
It's got to be drummed in your dear little ears
You've got to be carefully taught.
-----to be afraid of people whose eyes are oddly made
and whose skin is a different shade.
-----you've got to be taught before it's too late,
before you are 6 or 7 or 8, to hate all the people
your relatives hate-----.

There it is in a nut shell. HATE! Hate the Nigger! Hate the Jew! Hate the Catholic and Protestant! Hate any one who does not agree with you!

We hate and are lawless because we are Godless.

How can we expect anything more when we don't respect the rights of others whether white against black or black against white.

When I was young and in school, we were taught it was a sin to steal. It is also an unlawful act to steal, with punishment prescribed by law. Our youth see members of Congress misappropriate funds (STEAL) and when caught, get nothing but a slap on the wrist, probably the same treatment they have received at home for stealing and feel it is all right to cheat and steal because the punishment will be the same.

The criminal who is caught in the act and gets off because his civil rights are violated. What about the rights of his victim? You see rioters on TV looting stores with police watching and not doing a thing because they don't want to inflame the mob. Is this right? Is this teaching respect for law and order? Cheat here, cheat there, steal here, steal there, what's the difference. We are all to blame for crime because we commit it everyday our selves.

Run that light, cheat on Income Tax, you name it we all have done it. From you right down to me, we are all guilty, one way or another. Petty things that we over look every day because it's the American way of life to look the other way.

I have been saying for years that I was going to write my Congress man but never did because I Didn't want to take the time.

It took the death of a man whom I didn't much care for, to light the flame under my rear to get me to write thes letter in defence of my right and the NRA'S right to support good legeslation and oppose the bad.

I thank you for your time and hope **your** grief does not dim your reason. We all know we need legeslation but let it be good sound legeslation.

Yours truly,

Frederick L. Koch

Frederick L Koch
1 Chalfont St.
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June 14, 1968

Dear Grace:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. In his words:

"The tragedy and the senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death cast a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world."

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a nation that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. Time and again he has called upon Congress to enact genuinely effective gun control legislation. You may want to read in full his message of June 6 to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. The enclosed copy comes to you with the President's appreciation for your interest -- and his hope for your active support in this urgent cause.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Grace Fasolo
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Enclosure: (President's June 6, 1968 letter to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate)

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Hw. Dear Grace,
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928 East 22nd Street
Paterson, New Jersey 07513

Lyndon B Johnson
President of United States
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Lyndon B Johnson

I am 15 years old. I came from Sicily 2 years ago and I like living in Paterson, New Jersey. I go to school #24 and in the 7th grade. Although I live here with my mother, four brothers, and four sisters, my father lives in Sicily because he likes it better there.

Yesterday on television they showed things on Robert F. Kennedy and I cried because the Kennedy's have 10 children and are expecting 1 more. I am concerned about what is going to happen to the gun laws, since John Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, and Dr. Martin Luther King were shot and killed. Please send me information on this subject.

Yours Truly
Grace Pasolo

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Robert F.*

June 14, 1968

Dear Mrs. Mastro:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing at this time of tragedy.

He shares your view that the spiritual and moral climate of our country is of the greatest importance.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Jennie Mastro
4263 - 12th Street
Ecorse, Michigan 48229

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Robert F.

June 14, 1968

Dear Dr. Novitch:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter. Please be sure that your comments have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Dr. Mark Novitch
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Washington, D. C. 20024

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JL 3/Kennedy,
Robert F.

June 14, 1968

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Daniels:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter. Please be sure that your comments have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Dr. and Mrs. David N. Daniels
4089 Ben Lomond Drive
Palo Alto, California

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JL3/KENNEDY, R.F.

June 14, 1968

Dear Miss Renan:

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter to President Johnson, I wish to assure you that your views have been fully noted.

Perhaps the enclosed message to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate will be of interest to you.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Doris Renan
360 East 55th Street
New York, New York 10022

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June 14, 1968

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Dear Mr. Robinson:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter. Please be sure that your comments at this time of tragedy have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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Oakwood Park R.D. 2
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Washington, D.C.

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OAKWOOD PARK R.D. 2
WILKES-BARRE, PA. 18702

June 6 1968

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Dear Mr. President,

Today is a day of shame and grief for all of us in the United States due to the tragic circumstances taking the life of our fellow American, Robert Kennedy.

I call him fellow American and not presidential candidate or senator because I'm sure being an American was much more important to him.

Today after carefully considering your words spoken last evening on television I feel I must disagree with the statement "200 million Americans did not strike down Robert Kennedy". We are as much to blame for allowing our courts to become so lenient with the excuse "constitutional rights" that there is no fear of consequences for committing such evil and criminal acts. Yes we are as guilty as if we goaded this murderer to the task he undertook by sitting back & allowing someone else to worry about it and saying it's "too bad," when we should be doing our best to find out what we can do & then doing it!

Mr President, how do you explain things such as the possibility Richard Speck could become a free man after committing such a heinous act of violence? Could you possibly defend the judicial system making this possible with "Constitutional rights" if one of those murdered nuns

were your own daughter? 2

The time for eliminating speckles of what we should do is here if we care to save our country from the corruption we've created. It's time to remove our heads from the sand & stop hoping things will righten themselves because we all really know they won't without stern guidance.

The influence people should use today must switch to the concern at hand & not personal gain. Isn't there some way that the powers invested in you can be used to severely punish those who loot, burn, kill, steal and rape as well as the other acts of violence bordering on treason as they do affect the security of our nation?

I suggest some fast banging to the lawmakers on the national level and some head splitting to these lawbreakers. Some realistic toe trodding must be undertaken.

I speak as a law abiding Ex Marine with a family of 3 children really & truly concerned about the country I love! I feel foolish as I possibly can drawing a letter such as this because I know it probably stands a 5000 to 1 chance of ever reaching post a 50th assistant secretary of yours. But doesn't it strike you strangely, that when an average Joe such as myself who is not a crackpot is driven to the maximum point of emotion & concern as this, that it's time to get something done! Don't allow this man ^(Kenny) to die needlessly more, don't request, get a strong gun law going. You can do it!

When constitutional rights protect those who take over universities, protect H. Ray Brown's, eliminate a 2nd questioning

of the man who shot Mr Kennedy, then don't you think it goes a little beyond "rights"?

So you see Mr President I disagree with you & Mr Humphrey on the point that we are not slipping in loyalty, morality, etc in our country and strongly agree with you on ~~your~~ our 10% surcharge & our stand in Viet Nam so if we can clean up other countries why not our own yard 1st or at least at the same time.

Be a politician if you must and be a good one but search our growing immorality and acts of violence and our leniency to the criminal with your heart and then compare notes with your aids, advisers, & commissions & see if you still truly believe we are the nation we were 10 years ago and if the trend is one you can truly say is one going ahead.

I don't mean to sound as if I blame you for all these things as I do not, I blame us, and I charge that we must get going. I realize your love for your country is as strong as anyone else & maybe stronger and this is the reason this letter is personally written. I had to try to reach someone.

I stand ready to back you as my president with all the loyalty I can muster, abroad & at home, BUT are you ready to back me and many many others who are now asking this Question? "when are we going to do something to hand out meet & just punishment to those

who tend to destroy our U.S.A.?"

I sympathize that your task to straighten our helm is overwhelmingly difficult but if I recall properly, you requested & sought your position.

I close thanking you for the opportunity to write and be heard.

Please do your honest best to get our beloved America back on an even keel again! We need you as a strong leader. My prayers are with you. God Bless you!

Sincerely yours.

Jack L. Robinson

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Robert F.*

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June 14, 1968

Dear Mr. Farnsworth:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter. Please be sure that your comments at this time of tragedy have been fully noted.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. P. V. ~~x~~Farnsworth
Assistant Customer Service Manager
~~x~~United Air Lines
Newark Municipal Airport
Newark, New Jersey 07114

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Newark Municipal Airport, Newark, New Jersey 07114

June 7, 1968

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

On Wednesday evening, June 5, 1968, I watched your TV appearance and heard your fine speech - the best speech I have heard you make, even at a trying time and under such pathetic circumstances. Following your speech the most appalling thing happened, and as it points up a good part of the problem you should be aware of it. The very next commercial in color was a flashy, vivid ad for a TV show or new movie, the name of which was "The Name of the Game is Kill."

I think you will agree that only when we get the cooperation of every American to remove this type of terrible crime show from the motion picture and TV screens can we hope to eliminate the idea that guns and crime can be a way of life from the minds of our children. Gun laws may help, as do drivers licenses, but they are only as good as the respect people have for them. If a person wants something he can't get he'll steal it, so this is not the real problem. What is the problem is getting the whole idea out of the minds of the people as being a way to settle problems and differences.

Please be assured that I will cooperate and support any legislation that will rid the TV and movie screens of violent crime shows which promote crime and killing.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "P. V. Farnsworth".

P. V. Farnsworth
Assistant Customer Service Manager

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cc: Governor Richard Hughes
Senator Eugene McCarthy

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Robert F.

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June 14, 1968

Dear Miss Brent:

The President mourns with the nation -- and with countless millions around the world -- the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. In his words:

"This is a moment for all Americans to join hands and walk together through this dark night of common anguish into a new dawn of healing unity."

Your interest in letting the President have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

With the President's gratitude for your thoughtfulness,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Mary A. Brent
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June 5, 1968

Telephones:
463-7782
464-9773

President Lyndon B. Johnson
President of the United States of America
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I personally unite my great concern and grief with the people of this Country for the terrible accident that happened this early morning to Senator Robert Kennedy. Even though I heard over the radio of the precautions that will be taken regarding the candidates who will campaign for the Presidency from this date through the next election day this year, I submit my humble opinion that they should not be exposed to this mass of mad men and use instead the television media for their campaigning.

The people already in power should also not be exposed to these accidents and should use other means of communication to the people, radio, television, local newspapers, etc.

Respectfully yours,

Mary A. Brent
Registrar

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*TLB/Kennedy,
Robert F.*

June 14, 1968

Dear Mrs. Koester:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness
in writing at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments,
and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and
best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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Mrs. Hednig Koester
c/o Dr. V. *X* Morton
The United Nations
New York, New York

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MRS. HEDNING KOESTER

c/o DR. V. MORTON
THE UNITED NATIONS
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

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JUL 1 1968
Your Honor!

Dear Mr. President!

R I hope you and your family are
in loss of health, after all the excitement.
Feel so sorry for Mother Kennedy and
poor Beth and the whole family Kennedy.
I might to you, my husband and
Senator Kennedy came together in
one night in's Hospital. Please
Mr President give us our peace,
I don't want to see any body, I want
to be free with my family. I pray
for you and your family that God
save you. Excuse my english.

Very sincerely
Hedning Koester.

THE WHITE HOUSE
Wash. D.C.



Mrs. Hednig Koester
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June 14, 1968

Mr. Elmer L.^X Winter
President of Manpower
820 North Plankinton Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203

Dear Mr. Winter:

We have received your telegram of June 6, suggesting again the declaration of war on prejudice.

As I think you probably know, the President has on numerous occasions during the time he has been in office, in effect, declared a war on prejudice. He has appealed to the Congress for laws prohibiting discrimination and for programs designed to bring real equality and opportunity to all of our people. He has also done many things quite similar to the war on prejudice, which you suggest -- he has called a White House Conference on Civil Rights, he has established Committees to attempt to resolve discrimination problems in the various industries, and he has established the National Alliance of Businessmen which, as you know, has as one of its major functions the task of eliminating discrimination and arbitrary barriers to the employment of the disadvantaged in private industry.

We are continuing our efforts to eliminate prejudice and discrimination, and have carefully reviewed your letter for possible new approaches to this problem. We have also taken the liberty of sending a copy of your letter to Mr. John Gardner, who now heads the Urban Coalition.

Our thanks again for taking the time to send us your suggestions.

Sincerely,

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Joseph A. Califano, Jr.
Special Assistant to the President

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June 14, 1968

Dear Mrs. Samuels:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter. Please be sure that your comments have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. John R. Samuels^{*}
8932 South Cornell Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60617

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June 7, 1968

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

As I sat to meditate while anguished over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, I heard your nationwide speech in which you declared, "all America was not the blame." I disagree with you vehemently. America has created the environment for this kind of act to occur. Although the accused assassin was not a native American, I am sure he has encountered hatred in the U. S. and abroad. For example, my husband and I visited Puerto Rico this spring and we could vividly sense that America was planting and cultivating the seed of bigotry and materialism on this Island.

In addition, we have ingrained in our children that "white" is superior and puritanical and that our standards are the guidelines for the world. Yet, on the other hand we say, America believes in democracy; freedom and equality for all. We are extremely hypocritical. We believe in democracy in textbooks, but not in reality and if a person endeavors to implement such belief, he is immediately quieted by pressures or assassinated.

Mr. President, what do you really think the commission that you recently appointed to investigate the causes of violence will find? If the results are conclusive will you file them away like the Kerner Report? Whereas, if the findings are watered down you will act accordingly.

The political leaders and administrators of America realize what our problem is, but do not have the necessary wherewithal and courage to correct it.

When will we awake? How many martyrs must we suffer? May God help us and guide us. "All we like sheep have gone astray...."

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. John R. Samuels
Mrs. John R. Samuels
8932 South Cornell Ave.
Chicago, Illinois 60617

CC: Senator Charles Percy
Chicago Tribune
Chicago Sun Times
Chicago Daily News

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June 14, 1968

Dear Mr. Souder:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your telegram. Please be sure that your comments have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. R. C. Souder, Jr.
1837 Waverland Circle
Macon, Georgia

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 11, 1968

FOR Mr. Bradshaw

FROM Matt Nimetz *MN*

For reply - telegram re Poor Peoples'
Campaign.

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The White House
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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

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June 14, 1968

Dear Mr. Goodman:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter. Please be sure that your comments have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. W. R. ⁺Goodman
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Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson
White House

Dear Mr. President :

When you come before the Nation last evening to discuss the recent act of violence which took the life of another great man, it seems to me you should have appealed to, and commissioned every one of us to be alert for the seeds of violence which might be reposing in another.

It behooves each one of us to examine the character of each acquaintance for elements of character which are not sound, to the end that we purge our society of these vicious elements.

When one notes in another such traits of character, which, if allowed to enlarge would prompt such

dastardly deeds as we have seen on at least three tragic occasions, then it is the privilege, nay, the duty, of that person to report such an observance to authorities who may take the person into custody, or at least supervise his activities toward the prevention of such acts.

This can, and should be done. I hope you will, in the near future, make such a appeal to all citizens.

These thoughts I humbly submit because I am deeply grieved, as I know you are, that such acts can and do occur in our beloved United States.

Respectfully yours,
W. R. Goodman,

(a teacher)

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JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.
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June 14, 1968

Dear Miss Sprague:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter. Please be sure that your comments have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Ruth L. Sprague
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Boston, Massachusetts 02118

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June 6, 1968

The President
The White House
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I have to react "violently" to your speech last night.

First, you linked together the various kinds of violence in our society in a simplistic way, and having done that, you left out the Viet Nam War. I think the links that connect the forms of violence we are experiencing-- Viet Nam, the assassination of major figures in political life, crime in the streets, political brutality, rebellions and riots in ghettos and on college campuses, and excessively violent reactions to such events--are tangential links rather than direct ones. The climate of violence and the climate of anger and frustration in our nation may very well provide a common, favorable nurturing ground for the several diseases of violence that infect our society, but these are different diseases. By making all these diseases--except Viet Nam--one disease, you have increased the level of anger and frustration for many people.

To make matters worse, you condemned violent talk as if it were as grave a sin as overt violent action. I think there is good evidence that angry, perhaps even violent words may be our salvation. I'm a relatively mild, middle-aged, middle-class, professional woman, brought up and living in a culture that has taught me restraint and given me a variety of constructive channels for expressing feeling. Yet after your speech last night I was literally exploding with anger. Given my background (and relative affluence) I exploded by making a long distance telephone call to my sister with whom I knew I could share my feelings in all their intensity. What about the people of different background whose habits of response are more physical than verbal? What about the people in our society who are hurting badly, the poor, the Black, the members of other minority groups and other victims of injustice who have good reason to be angry with American society? I'm afraid even to think of what I would feel like doing if I were among these people. And now the candidate who was most able to communicate with these people and give them some hope has been struck down! God help us!

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The President
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Then, the final blow: You appointed another commission when you have not yet put the full weight of your office and your administration behind the report of your own Kerner Commission. You have not even given the report the kind of decisive endorsement that is needed to support and encourage all segments of our society to carry out the commission's recommendations. Furthermore, even though you are in favor of gun control, you have not really put the needed pressure on Congress to get strong legislation passed. Although we finally have peace talks underway, we have not significantly deescalated the war in Viet Nam so that we can devote our energies to dealing with the injustices in our own society and in the world.

Why do we need another commission when we have far more knowledge about the deep problems and sicknesses of our society than we are using? The sicknesses will not be easy to heal and they cannot be healed overnight, but let us face the problems honestly and take action that is commensurate with their size.

I am an angry woman. I know I am part of a great body of angry Americans. The vast majority--probably almost all of us--will continue to handle this anger verbally and will not erupt into open violence. But I wonder how long the victims of ^{the} injustices of our society, the people whose anger is directly related to their own plight, can hold on. I am sure about one thing: Paternalistic sermons from our President will only make matters worse.

Respectfully yours,


Ruth L. Sprague

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*JL 3/Kennedy,
Robert F.
H/19/CO 312*

June 14, 1968

Dear Miss Keithley:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter. Please be sure that your comments have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Anne M. Keithley
3018 Flagler Avenue
Key West, Florida 33040

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3018 Hagler Avenue
Key West, Florida
June 5, 1968

President Lyndon S. Johnson
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Johnson,

I have just heard and watched your impassioned plea and call to prayer on behalf of Senator Kennedy and our beloved nation. My heart and soul ache for our country, our President, Senator Kennedy and his family, our children. Please know that this letter is being written in the spirit of love and anguish of heart and soul.

Please understand, President, I love my country and I respect my President. But my heart has been breaking and my spirit has been quenched watching the terrible agony and destruction that our country has inflicted upon the peoples of Vietnam. Dr. Martin Luther King, whom I agree with you when you called him "a great American", once said that our country is the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today.

You implied in your speech you could not understand why violence is erupting over our land, and you called for a renewal and a dedication to the "reverence for life". Oh! how I agree, and beg you to mean those words! Let us revere life — every person's life — and let us begin to show forth to the whole world that we do revere life by

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ending the violence and terrible killing of thousands of lives in Vietnam. This, Mr. President, is what is tearing at the fabric of our national society. We must stop this un-American war!

President Johnson, you could be recorded in history - not only American history, but world history, - as the greatest man of our age - if you would give up the stubborn and unwise insistence upon a reciprocal act for the stopping of the bombing of North Vietnam. There is no reciprocal - they are not bombing us. And if a mere stopping of the bombing will enter in the possibility of an end to this terrible violence and ir-reverence for life - please, as you asked, yourself, for God's sake, as well as the sake of mankind, please order an end to all the bombing of North Vietnam, that our nation can again begin to lead the world as an example of "the land of equality, brotherhood, justice, and freedom" for all.

My prayers are with you daily, and for God's blessing upon our nation.

Most respectfully,
Miss Anne M. Keithley

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GENERAL
JL3/Kennedy,
Robert F.

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June 14, 1968

Dear Miss Neidig:

The President mourns with the nation -- and with countless millions around the world -- the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. In his words:

"This is a moment for all Americans to join hands and walk together through this dark night of common anguish into a new dawn of healing unity."

I am sorry that the campaign button you desire is not available from the White House. You may wish to address your request to the late Senator's staff in Rm. 3327, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

X
Miss Judy Neidig
2718 Myrtle Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53704

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As for God, his way is

perfect....

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June 7, 1968

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Dear President Johnson,
In these dark days
following the senseless
murder of Senator Robert
Francis Kennedy, I have
a very unusual favor
to ask of you. Please send
me one of Senator Kennedy's
campaign buttons, or
give me the address where
I could obtain one for my
campaign button collection.
Since the late Senator
was not in our state
primary, his buttons were
not distributed in our
state of Wisconsin. If I
had known where to
obtain one of his buttons,

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth
us with benefits Ps. 68:10

I would n't have bothered
you. Because this is very
dear to my heart, don't
disregard my request.

Sincerely yours,
Judy Heidig

NEIDIG

2718 Myrtle Street
Madison, Wisc. 53704

P.S. may God keep you
and your family safe.

GENERAL

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JL3/Kennedy, Robert
LE/JL3
PR2/ST32

June 14, 1968

Dear Boys and Girls:

Thank you for your letters to President Johnson. It was thoughtful of you to let him have your comments. Time and again he has called upon Congress to enact genuinely effective gun control legislation. You may want to read in full his message of June 6 to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. The enclosed copy comes to you with the President's appreciation for your interest.

With the President's best wishes to you and Mrs. Libman,

Sincerely,

Juanita D. Roberts
Personal Secretary
to the President

Klaine
Pupils of Mrs. Libman's Second Grade Class
× Public School 274
800 Bushwick Avenue
Brooklyn, New York

Enclosure: P's 6/6/68 ltr to the Speaker of the House and the P of the Senate

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800 Bushwick Avenue

Bklyn. 21, N. Y.

June 10, 1968

Dear President Johnson

Enclosed you will find some letters written by second graders at P.S. 274, Bklyn.

After discussing the assassinations, first of Mr. Martin Luther King and now of Robert Kennedy, the children expressed a desire to help in some way. As young as they are, they seem to realize something that the Congress of the U.S. has not yet come to realize -- too many good people have been killed.

These letters appear just as the children have written them and hence, may be difficult to read. The sentiments are there, however, and in their own way they are asking for your help. I too am asking for your help - we need strict gun control laws and we need

them now.

Thank you - from class 2-2.

Sincerely,

Mrs Elaine Libman

P.S. 274

800 Bushwick Avenue

Bklyn. 21, N.Y.

Dear President Johnson

I want you to know to many
good people been Killed all
reetty. you should not let
stores sell rifles and guns in
stores. you should stop them now
befor everybody get Killed.
and I want to tell you I
hate the man that shot
Robert F Kennedy.

From Walter

June 10, 1968

Dear President,

I am 8 years old and in second grade.
My class has been talking about what
happened. We donot want no guns. And I th-
ink other people think the same way.
Will you fell the people who sell them
not to sell them. And people will be much happi-
er
When I first herd that Robet Kenn-
dy was dead I cried in bed. So help us
thank you.

Pat Schulz
P.S 274

June 10, 1962

Dear President Johnson,
please stop the people that sell guns,
rifles. Don't let them sell guns or
rifles. Please stop other people from killing
people please do.

To: President
Johnson

From

Yvette Demenech

Dear President, Johnson, June, 1964

Please tell the Mailmans to stop sending rifles to people to kill the good. I do not like the Mailman to send rifles so they can kill the people that are helping the poor people. You have to realize that they are not sending them to kill the bad people they are sending them to kill the good people you have to realize that. They do not need guns they do not need them, they should send for guns to kill the bad people. Do not send the guns please do not send them. Please do not sell them any more because you do not want to be kill like Senator Robert Kennedy died. Because the one who kill him send for a gun to kill him dead.

I was ~~crying~~ when I herd that he was
killed I felt very sorry because almost
all of our good people are gone they
are dead from people sending for guns.
That's why.

From Violet
Hicks

PS

Michele Smith

Class 2

June 10, 1968

Dear President

All The President who is kill will not come back
again. especially martin Luther King and Robert F
Kennedy, brothers.

Dear President Johnson, June 10, 1968

Please stop letting people get guns and
stop letting people kill other people.

My name is Junita Hill and I go to
school P.S. 274. I am in the second grade.
I am in class 2-2. I live at 15 Kossuth
pl.

Juanita Hill

June 10, 1968

Dear President Johnson,

I am in school P.S. 274 Class 2-2
I am in 2nd grade. Please don't get
no rifle to peopl they killed some
good president like Robert Kennedy.
I Love Robert Kennedy. Plese don't
get no more rifle to peopl Plese
I don't want to hared that they
killed the president. I Love
all the presidents.

by Louis Valentin Jr,

Dear President,

Please arrest the people that
sell the rifle to the people
that are sick, please?

by Harry Malavé

Dear President

do not send any more
guns out.

Senator Robert Kennedy
want to be the Best
President.

Class 2-2 talk about
R Senator Robert Kennedy

From Earline Pitts

P.S. 274

Helen Yvette Aviles

June 22

June 10, 1968

Dear President please tell the store to stop sending guns because I do not like people to be killed. I hate people who killed the good people. The policemen are to ones who have to carry guns.

James Howard

Dear President Johnson,

Senathe Robert Kennedy got shot by
a bad man, Stop people from
selling rifle and guns.
We love Robert Kennedy.

June

Dear President,

We shouldn't gave guns to
bad poeple because they might gill good
poeple. Please, take away the gun
so they won't gill good poeple.

from Diane Sheff

Dear President

I send you this letter to arrest
the gun stores because
the people are getting killed
by the people who are sick.

to President.
from Freddie
From Class 22.

Grisel Sandoval June 10 1968

Dear President

Please do not sell guns.
I don't want people killing other people.
I don't want people with guns. I don't like
bad people who kill. I don't like people
who talk bad. I don't like people
who have guns. I don't like who are
bad.

Dear President,

I find sad. Robert Kennedy
was shot. arrest the store that
has guns. You should not
laughing.

P.S. 274

2-2

by Cornell

June 10, 1968,

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Dear President Johnson
I do not want to see
rifle in peoples hands.

I like Presiden Robert F.
Kennedy and I want you to
mail this to Robert F.
Kennedy.

from Benedetto DiGregorio

Ben

Dear president Johnson

Please don't sell rifle any
more. people are getting killed.
you must take guns away

From Valerie Stanford

P.S 274 class 2-2

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May 10, 1968

Class 2-2

Dear President

Please don't Sell on more
guns. bad people shot other
People.

Roslyn

PS 274
Class 2-2

Lee Jaudon
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Dear President Johnson
Send This letter to
President Johnson please
please stop sell guns and rifle
store men
I love Robert Kennedy.

June 10, 1968

Dear President, Johnson,

Please " Stop selling guns and
Knives,

From Jeffrey Fendros

P.S. 274

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Juan La Salle

June 10 1968

- 1 I do not like people to sell guns
because they kill good people.
- 2 Please do not kill good people with rifles
- 3 My school is P.S. 274.

Thank you

from Juan

Dera President

Please arrest the story keeper keer gun.

I don't like gun.

It is not good. I like Robert F. Kennedy. I like Kennedy to.

George Migliaccio

Norma Ortiz

Dear President, Johnson

Dear Johnson I am in 2nd
grade. You must take guns
away.

~~Love~~ from Norma

Dear President ~~Johnson~~

Please do not let the storekeepers
sell guns or rifles because the people are killing other
people.

from Magdalena ~~Fernandez~~

GENERAL

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JL3/Kennedy, Robert
LE/JL3
PR2/ST32

June 14, 1968

Dear Students:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letters at this time of terrible sorrow. In his words:

"The tragedy and the senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death cast a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world."

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a nation that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. Time and again he has called upon Congress to enact genuinely effective gun control legislation. You may want to read in full his message of June 6 to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. The enclosed copy comes to you with the President's appreciation for your interest -- and his hope for your active support in this urgent cause.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Students of the Eighth Grade Class
xMacomb's Junior High School
c/o N. Funt
1700 Macomb's Road
Bronx, New York 10453

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104 West 174 St.

Bronx 53, New York

June 6, 1968

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Dear Students:

The President.
The White House.
Washington DC 20500

Dear Mr. President.
I want you to know that
Senator Kennedy's death
shocked me. It's a sad
day for me and for every
body. Very much so for
Mrs. Kennedy. Very much so
for Senator Kennedy's parents
also. I think that Senator
Kennedy was the best Senator
I know of. I know you
must have been a dear
friend of the Kennedys.
You must have been shocked
as much as I had been.
I hope that Mrs. Kennedy and her

children will be all alright

Sincerely Yours
Richard Martinson

1515 Macombs Road
Bronx 53, New York
June 11, 1968

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President;

My name is Frederick Reyes, I am 15 years of age. I am very upset over what happened to our Senator Kennedy. I would be very happy if you would do something about this gun law. I am asking you to limit the sale of guns or reduce to no more guns. Only people who work for the police Department would have them. More people in the United States will be shot trying to do something to help the United States. So I urge to please do something about this law. Many more people will write to you saying something like my letter.

Sincerely yours
Frederick Reyes

1645 Andrews Ave.

Bronx 53 New York

June 6, 1968

The President

White House

Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

I am sending this letter to express how I feel about this recent assassination. I am a girl of 13½ and in the 8th grade. It really is terrible of what's happen to these good and important people. I think that something should be done about this. These people are trying to represent us and help us into a better world and then right away someone goes ahead for fun and shoots them. When I heard about Robert Kennedy that was unbelievable. First his 2 brothers now him especially with 10 going on 11. Leaving them behind. Plus he was only trying to help us. Is this what's happen to these people! Something ought to be done right away. There should be a hard law passed on selling good guns & these weapons

that can damage or hurt people. I'm sure
everybody feels bad about this. What is our
world coming to! It is terrible.

Sincerely,
Rhonda Zimmerman

83 W. 174th
Bronx 53, New York
June 11, 1968

The President
White House
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear President Johnson

We the People are very hurt by the
number of assassinations going in the United
States. We feel that a stronger gun law
should definitely be passed at this
time, although most of the men we feel
were our leaders have already been killed.
We feel the the gun law should be
passed to save the little Leaders we
have left. For if this law is not passed
in time even you might be next

Sincerely
Gary Sheppard

1419 University Ave.
BRONX 52, New York
June 6, 1968

The President
The White House
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

Dear MR. President,

I Am A Student At Macomb's
J.H.S. BRONX, New York. I Am in the
8th grade AND I Am 13 years old. I
Am very upset About the Assassination
of Robert Kennedy. I think the U.S.
Should Pass A Stronger gun law to
Prevent so many people from buying
guns AND from killing people. I think
they Should stop selling guns, only
sell them to policemen AND to other
important people. Not to just ANY-
body.

Sincerely,
Ernest George

1517 Jessup Avenue
Bronx New York
June 6, 1968

The President
The White House
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

I feel that they should make the selling of guns or other weapons illegal. I think that if they use knives to kill a person that they would have to get up close to the person to kill him. If they wanted to kill someone they should kill Stockely Carmichael & H. Rap Brown. I am 15 years of age. I am in the eighth grade and I am about to go to High School.

Sincerely Yours,
Jeanne Therese Kregger

1706 Nelson Ave
Bronx 10453 New York
June 6, 1968

The President
The White House
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President;

I am an eighth grade Student at Macombs
J.H.S. my name is Roberta Smith and I'm
writting you to ask If you can do something
about all this unnecessary killing. I wonder
why there are so many Great Man being killed
why dose a man risk his life to defend his
Country The death of Dr. Martin Luther King
was anpp set to the world. Who is behind
the killing of all these Great Man. Now
its 2 months and 6 days since the
assassination of Dr. M.L. King and now
the death of Senator Robert Kennedy. The
whole world is at stake. These men are
trying to bring peace between all the
races and to stop people from hating

each other. I wonder what dose it mean
to be free. If some one try to help his
Country and then in return he gets killed

I wonder when will all the
unnecessary killing will end.

Sincerely yours;
Roberta Smith

1760 Andrew's Ave
Bronx 53, New York
June 6, 1968

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr President,

I am an 8th grade student at Macomb's Junior High School. My name is Geraldine Rogin when I heard about Senator Kennedy I could not believe what happened. I was shocked to hear about Senator Kennedy. I could not understand why someone would want to kill Senator Kennedy. In a way I don't know what the world is coming to. I just hope that from now on we can have as much peace as possible after what happened to the late Senator Kennedy. I hope very much that there is a law passed about selling guns.

Sincerely,
Geraldine Royin

1475 Jeany Ave
Brooklyn, New York 10452
June 10, 1968.

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I think it is my duty
to speak up for my country.
This matter concerns the
death of three great men
who were fighting for us.
To help us get the equal
rights of freedom. To get
respect from the white
man and the black man.

President John F. Kennedy
fought for us, the negro and
I am very proud of my race,
color, and creed. Yes, I am
a negro, but I also have
feelings too, I can be hurt.

Martin Luther King Jr.
a man of peace. He was
fighting for us, too. He was

much involved with the treatments, education and life of the negro.

Senator Robert Francis Kennedy, he was about to get the presidential office. But he was assassinated right after his victorious speak with his wife Ethel by his side. He was shot down.

This is all we can take every man who has to try to stay alive just because of a mental disturbed man has purchased a gun. I think that there should be a stronger gun law passed.

Sincerely,
Francis Shelton

1742 Bathgate
Bronx 53 New York
June 5, 1968

The President
The White House
Washington D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President

I am writing these few lines to tell you how I feel about guns. The United States is falling to pieces because too many good men that help America become something are being killed by guns. People who work all their life to build America men that show that they care about their country. I am afraid that when I grow up that people will be killing their selves. I am deeply

hurt because men that fight
to see that children get a
good education and fight for
the people rights and
non violence are being
killed. I truly hope that
you see that ~~peop~~ something
is done in the future
America depends on us
the children of america

Sincerely your
Victor Cepeda

2364 Lorillard Pl.
Brox 53, New York

The President
The White House
Washington D.C. 20500

To Mr. President

Everybody is horrified that Senator Robert F Kennedy died, I wish that you make the law stronger to punish the assassin, bad and make him suffer like he made us suffer for killing. You should improve a gun law saying that no guns should be sold to anybody unless he got permission from you. Cause this is very dangerous even for the state or the world

Sincerely
Cesar Lujillo

57 West 175 street
Bronx 53, New York
June 11, 1968

The President
The White House
Washington. D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am 13 years old. I wonder why there is a law allowing guns to be sold. There have been so many important people killed by guns. I think that the people who have the guns are not using it right. A lot of newspapers and magazines are showing ones and I think that it should not be advertised. I am very upset what happened to Senator Kennedy. I think that it is about time that the government tried to get stronger gun laws. If there is not a stronger gun law more and more important people are going to be killed.

Sincerely,
Barry Cohen

June 14, 1968

GENERAL

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JL3/Kennedy, Robert

Dear Miss Petani:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter of June 6th in which you asked if it would be possible for him to meet and talk with him on your forthcoming visit here.

The President sincerely regrets he will be unable to see you. So many young people write and ask if they may have personal conversations with him and he would like to be able to comply, but it just is an impossibility since the demands upon his time are so heavy.

If, when you have the opportunity, you would like to write the President about the discussion you had hoped to have with him, he will be glad to hear from you and your letter could be sent in my care.

In answer to your question about the airport nearest Arlington Cemetery, this would be The Washington National Airport.

With the President's best wishes to you and a particular expression of his gratitude for your prayers for him and his family,

Sincerely,

James R. Jones
Special Assistant
to the President

Miss Jean Petani
P. O. Box 966
Glendale, California

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June 14, 1968

Dear Miss Schechter:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. In his words:

"The tragedy and the senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death cast a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world."

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a nation that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. Time and again he has called upon Congress to enact genuinely effective gun control legislation. You may want to read in full his message of June 6 to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. The enclosed copy comes to you with the President's appreciation for your interest -- and his hope for your active support in this urgent cause.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Elaine Lynn^x Schechter
2811 Fair Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43209

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Dear President Johnson,

I have been sitting here in almost complete shock for more than two hours that something like this can happen in the United States, time and time again. But I must also say that preventive measures should have been taken before anything could happen, not only now after a great tragedy! I know how hard this is because the candidates themselves shy away from protection, because they want such personal contact. I myself will be twenty-one years old and able to vote in the next election. As a potential voter, I can give you an opinion on how I would feel if the candidates were not so exposed to the public. A candidate, whether for governorship, senatorship, or the Presidency, is in constant danger; therefore my

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vote would not be effected in a negative way if the secret servicemen were to place themselves between the candidate and myself. I think the entire public would tend to understand and not vote differently because of less contact. What is the use of not being protected, winning an election (primary in this case) and ending up dead?

I also must say that the news media is very good, perhaps too good. One reporter in Columbus on Channel 10 was giving a brief description of what happened. He told us the bullets were of a .22 caliber gun, if they were of a larger caliber it would have meant instant death. On the same station they were interviewing a doctor (professor in neuro surgery) who said if the bullet entered at the base of the brain it would have meant instant death. With all the maniacs in this country I do not feel that this type of information should be so freely released, because next time the victim may not be so lucky. (I say lucky because ^{the} Senator is still alive at this time)

The secret servicemen are doing the best they can, but evidently it is not adequate, otherwise we would not have lost the beloved John F. Kennedy. I also realize that they are men with families and loved ones who are concerned for their safety. I feel that the secret service men should be compelled to wear bullet proof protection (I also realize here that they are not trying to announce their presence even though it is easy to pick them out), from head to toe; jumping to complete and faster bodily protection of an important candidate. I know this can get mighty hot in warm weather; but in this country where we are sending men to the moon, there must be some way to develop a light weight but strong metal. As a matter of fact, it would not be a bad idea for the candidates themselves to wear it!

I have been torn very much about the sales of guns in the United States. People do have the right to bear arms, but I do not like what their use is bringing about. I have heard suggestions to outlaw

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the interstate sale of guns. Since most assassins probably buy their weapons right before their attempted (sometimes successful) crimes in that particular state maybe a law of this nature would prove beneficial.

I would like to end this letter by expressing my deepest sympathy to the whole Kennedy family; we are in danger of losing a great man. G-d help him and us!

Sincerely,

Miss Elaine Lynn Scheeter
Scheeter
of
Columbus, Ohio

Miss Elaine Scheeter
2811 Fair Avenue
Columbus, Ohio
43209

June 14, 1968

~~GENERAL~~
LE/gL3
JL3/Kennedy, R.F.

Dear Mr. Chase:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter. Please be sure that your comments at this time of tragedy have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Randolph Hugh Chase
190 East 72nd Street
New York, New York 10021

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GENERAL

LE/JL 3
JL 3/Kennedy, R.F.

June 14, 1968

Dear Mr. Gibson:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter and thank you for writing at this time of tragedy. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Phillip Gibson

Ellijay, Georgia 30540

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GENERAL

*FL3/Kennedy,
Robert F.*

June 14, 1968

Dear Mrs. Cox:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter and thank you for writing. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Claudia H. ^XCox
4824 West 18th Street
Los Angeles, California 90019

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A-211 adk 6-14 Los Angeles Calif.
ms June 7, 1968

The President of the United States
The White House,

Dear Mr President: I feel
very sad over the assassination
of Senator Robert Kennedy, which
happened in our City June 4th.

If I may do so, let me offer
a suggestion please.

During world war II I was
employed at one of the war plants
in Kansas City Kansas. I had to
be at work at 6 AM. every morning
as I was a pastry cook. Every employee
had to go through a gate, and
the guards on duty at the entrance
checked ladies purses or Handbags
if one had a package it had to
be inspected, The men also, it
was just a rule, and we had

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to submit to a inspection or not
work. we were checked out the
same way each evening.

I was thinking Mr President
couldn't we do that now?

When a celebrity, such as Senator
Kennedy, or some famous person
whose life could be in danger
couldn't there be certain entrance
to get in to hear the speaker?
and no other way? and a Guard
for each entrance. And a rule that
everyone entering must be inspected
for guns explosives etc,

persons who are on the level
could not object to that. To save
a life one should be glad to do
so. we could have men trained
for just such duties, I believe
it would help, if not a perfect
plan it might stop some of

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This terrible Killing,
I don't know if I have
done the right thing or not,
but I thought if I wrote to
you, that you would know
whether it was a good idea
or not. I'm sure we should
all want to help if possible.
I do pray that something can
be done soon. Thank you.

Respectfully.

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